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In after years the pages of The News will be looked over to see who were the business men in our town and what they were doing and our record in advertisement and editorials will be accepted as the best history of our day. Even to business men who never advertise, we will publish the notice of their death and thereby fix their names in our history.

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Hicksville 1882 from Pettit Opera House

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Jan 5, 1882
Local merchants front page ads.
I.A. Gingery introduces a new feature in his store, a Cash Stand.
D.W. Krotz new Hall dedicated, 400 chairs, Whitney Family entertained.
Fair Association financial report.
Ohio State Fair to locate in Columbus.
Insurrection broken out in Bosnia Herzegovina, similar to 1875.
S.A .Maxwell bought an interest in the Handle Factory of Gabe Fish.
Roller skating in Krotz Hall.
Our jail is completed, $ 950, riveted boiler iron.
March 9, 1882
Hicksville Foundry corner of Bryan and Arthur Streets.Wm. Gibson.
Odd Fellows Lodge to be two story brick, corner Maple and High.
Village finances,
Material being hauled for Casebeer Block, corner High & Main.
Blair Indiana (St.Joe) flourishing, lists businesses.
May 4, 1882
G.P. Kniqht building factory for "log dogs" on High near Hicksville Flour Mill.
May 11,1882
President's Proclamation to Billy the Kid and other unquiet citizens.
Indian Wars: 6th.Cavalry fouqht Apaches at Cloverdale Arizona border.
W.O Hughes & Co putting a new front on building next to store.
Henry Neer a new building at his foundry. Corner of Arthur & Bryan.
May 18, 1882
Tubercular Parasite discovered by Dr. Kock of Berlin.
Boiler at Greek's saw mill in S.E. Mark Tip. explodes, injuries.
Cornelia being graded from Main to the railroad.
Hum of industry at T.W. Kerr's Trunk Slat Factory, new building.
June 15, 1882
Peeper & Crowl erected 4 telephone lines at Ainsworth, Boon & Bevington.
Town needs tenement houses, two families to one small house.$ 6.00 to $8.00 rent.
Ohio boy breeds hawks & owls, sells scalps to State, 50 cent bounty.
Dr.J.S. Brookens moved his office to upstairs in Lehman Bldg. west.of U.B.Church.
Death of the "Pond Law" has renewed life in closed saloons.
Wilderson & Co. now undertakers, have finest hearse in N.W.Ohio.
Hicksville merchants increase business every year to 3,000 potential.
DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TEAM ON THE STREETS UNHITCHED.
Four new business rooms going up in Sherwood.
Grand Ball Krotz Hall July 4 th..Benefit G.A.R. John Koch orchestra.
Hicksville Manufacturing & Lumber Co. New building.High St. 40x80 two story.
John Clemmer death,he bought first land sold by A.P.Edgerton.
June 22, 1882
NOTICE: Roaming live stock roaming between 7 PM & 6 AM will be impounded.
June 15, 1882
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Sect of Wine Branarians organized at Dutch St. School. nunber of converts.
Great Military "sham battle" July 4th. G.A.R. veterans.
C.S. Graham sells tile business, 30 acres on Dutch street.
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Hon. A.P. Edgerton re-elected president Ft. Wayne School board.
July 6, 1882
Editorial on 4th. July celebration.6,000 to 10,000 here.
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Randolf & Co. running stave factory day and night, high demand.
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July 20. 1882
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T.W. Kerr erected three buildings at his factory.
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August 3, 1882
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August 10, 1882
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August 17, 1882
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November 16, 1882
A live lizard found in limestone when split.
November 23, 1882
Fall term Hicksville Schools over, Winter term starts.
Hanna ditch Crane Twp. completed for two miles.
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December 7,1882
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December 21, 1882
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Risk on railroads, winter hard on employees.
January 22,1885
Letter from Rhea.Springs, Tenn.(a column) Henry Milliman.
Florida citrus production exceeds the market.
George Washington's campaign liquor.
San. Francisco, dirty city.
Drainage advantages,
Dlptheria,
Tenth census of U.S.reported.
Insurance Co's warn against sawdust in spitoons.
Feb.5, 1885
Charcoal works at Elk Rapids, Michigan.
Area items.
Forlow & Company
Febuary 12, 1885
Bohemian oats (full column).
Harvard School of Divinity.
Surprise party for Esther Parker.
Market:
Feb. 19, 1885
Jackson reminscences of Hon. Benjaman Patton, two columns.
Lt. Melville starts another expedition.
Fountain Chapel Corners items.
Huck Finn, Twain's latest book.
List of those to attend inauguration in Washington.

Feb. 28, 1885
Washington monument dedicated,
"Spook" at Montpelier
Mackey brick block sold to Hubers.
March 5, 1885
W.H. Harter writes on New Orleans Exposition.
Social at Peter Countryman's house.
Proposal to light sea lane across Atlantic.
Telephone line proposed to Defiance.
March 12, 1885
E.M. Bilderback letter from Michigan.
March 19, 1885
A NOTABLE STAGE RIDE: A.P.EDG. HAYES & OTHERS CONTRAST 1846 with 1885 RAIL.
Bohemian Oats Convention in Sherwood
Alfred Ridenouer on future of investments in Florida.
Doctors, Lawyers, Ministers.
Fizz, Pop, Bang, Humbarger and Mayberry Grocery, stove pipe.
Suicide of Jane Wise, prostitute.
"Good Old Days"
Court marshal of Gen. Hazen; charges by Robert Lincoln, Sec.of War.
Wayward little quadraped, the roller skate,
Industrialists of South Bend, Indiana.
Mechanics of putting a whole egg in a bottle.
Ministerial Assoc. formed. Discussion purely anti-skating rink.
Letter boosting Florida, F.M. Horton.
Telephone:a dead matter. Editor was too busy to promote.
April 9, 1885
Skating rink proprietor lost 100 skates. Unable to pay rent.
Why left handedness.
April 16, 1885
Ohio canals. Maintain or sell unproductive sections?.
Farmer: talk of a roller rink here. Benefit the church?
Metler's tile laying machine a successful trial
Nichols erecting stable at rear of lot opposite Swilley House.
Ohio Penitentiary items.
Charlie Krotz turning attention to Paulding.
Another skating rink operating over ashes of the deceased rink.
April 23, 1885
Ridenouer's reply to Horton letter on Florida's promise.
Ftn.Chapel: No, OMNIBUS CHARLEY is not played like NEEDLES EYE.
The $18,000,000 spent on Ohio canals, they should be maintained.
DINOCERATA: Green River Basin. Remains of elephant sized beasts.
Two story bank bunding, will be erected on the site of A.P. Edgerton office.S.W. Main & High .
Edgerton attends directors meeting of B.&O in Chicago.
Dangers of Spring: grass blades, leaves shoot, bull rushes out.
April 30, 1885
A letter from D.J. Coy, Clifton, Kansas.Loans @ 12%, short, 3% per.mo.
Beauty added to town by shade trees.
Matt Hilbert's ward stole guns and left.
Tree cutters at Gallion find and loose $800.00.
What you don't know about a man often makes him respectable.

May 7,1885
Farmer board of education.
Letter, Michigan, E.M. Bilderback.
Merchant's & Farmer's Bank Incorporated. March 29, 1884. Open 6/16.84.
I.M. Boon residence renovated.
Eleven thousand Ohio farmers own less than 10 acres each.
Mark Center: Frank Morris store burned.
Hathaway brings suit against those who tarred and feathered him.
Kerr Bros. new warehouse erected on rear of Dixon lot. Smith Street.
NED BISMARK trains here to race against DUSTER. for race at Paulding.
Lehman buys house in Paulding.
Hon. Richard Mott visits A.P. Edgerton, Mott defeated Edgerton for Congress in 1856
Haman Emry sprinkling streets.
A.P. Edgerton having the NEWS print plat maps of Hicksville, lot size indicated.
Garver well, clay like white lead, deeper bituminous layer burns well. (Bryan).
May 14, 1885
Apostrophe to the "Hazel" address of Rev.T.C. Reade. (two columns)
Ordinance to repeal ordinance on roving cattle. State law replaces municipal..
Defiance Daily Express dies. Defiance had three dailys, now none.
Life like a set of harness: "traces","lines"breaches" and "tugs"
Normal School to open In Newville, by Prof. Merica and brother.
George Mankins Show has taken to the road.Winter quarters in Bryan.
Legislature:. law compelling County or relatives to pay for clothing of asylum inmates.
Multi-color paints used on homes this season..
Colt FRED MOREAN being trained by F. Snyder. Owned by Wm. McGuire.
LITTLE WHITE STOCKING AND CORA "E" training for fall races.
Third annual commencement Hicksville schools. detailed.
May 21,1885
Letter from E.M. Horton in support of Florida.
The so-called "horse hair snake" explained.
Ackly & Steelsmith open grocery in Ehrhart Block opposite .Ainsworth.Boon & Bevington.
Dyarman & Cox are giving away a side-bar buggy, ticket with purchase.
Council leases land for source of gravel for streets.
Emry farm. W.J. Kleckner has cleared 10 A.of 80 A.of woods. Hopes a farm someday.
Indictment for libel. result of valentine and note to wife of plaintiff
May 28,1885
Sight saving book. Dark Blue ink on pale green paper.
In 1884 19,200,000 eggs were imported into U.S.
Risk or death from meteors, record from death of priest 1511.
Land suitable for growing corn increases in value annually.
Law: Sec.4020, (school book law) authorizes board to buy direct.
Fountain Chapel Memorial Services described by Clyde.
Editorial: If the.saloon business is an honorable business.
CORA " E".sold by F. Snyder to Lewis Saintliver of Ft.Wayne.
Dunakin Bros. making brooms in old school house opposite Presbyterian church.
Hicksville Comet Band assisted by Orchestra, straw berry ice cream social..
Largest HENNERY in world, Wood County 3 story 35 x 60, 10,000 cap.
City editor of Toledo Sunday Democrat tarred & feathered. Norwalk.
June 11, 1885
Milford: T.Carey & M.M Hootman complete ditch to drain bottom lands.
MIND CURE: epidemic in Boston, practiced as a "science" house calls.
Letter from E.J. Reish. Crawford County, Beulah, Kansas.

Smith's new Carriage & Wagon shop, Foust & Pinkerton's old stand.
Oat meal aggravating disease. "Horse feed not suitable for humans."
Portable electric lamp, carries electricity twelve hours.
Niagara Park Bill signed. Eliminate side shows obstructing view.
Mrs. Mary Tinger, Farmer, funeral.
Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, born May 17, 1818 obituary.
Bohemian Oats letter, A. Wentworth.
Experimental road built in Scipio. Underdrainage, successful.
NED BISMARK trained here for race at Paulding versus DUSTER.
Mr. Lehman buys house in Paulding.
June 18, 1885
Supreme Court holds: Scott Tax cannot be refunded.
5 of 14 members of Confederate Cabinet living.
Smith Pinkerton Wagon Shop toured & described.
Waltz & Remington Harness Shop above Pettit Drug Store.
Market.
Asiatic Cholera making rounds again.
Final struggle for existence of larger animals of earth. SERENIA.
Paulding steam fire engine, needs gravel streets to be moved.
Legislature passes law. Third conviction of felony, life imprisionment.
Ora Gilbert stops Lillie Patton's run away horse.
Legislature makes it obligatory to cut brush & thistles on fence lines
"Going to Hell on Wheels" roller skating.
Zinc tombstones latest novelty.
Gov.of Ohio signs bill regulating practice of medicine. licensinq.
Parents move west to keep in contact with children.
A western "timber claim" purchased for $40.00 now worth $1,600.
Mr. Dixon Edgerton, law partner of L.C. Sawyer at St.Marys, Ohio.
Rattlesnakes rising again in Mark Township. Fires of years ago depleated.
B&O offers special rates for personel and industrial development..
Fourth of July in Hicksville.Great program and expensive fire works.
Dishcloth is a source of disease.Should be burned.
Joseph D. Kerr will open law office over Nelson's bakery.
June 25, 1885
A.P. Edgerton address to graduating class of Central Grammer School.
Pres. Cleveland defying bosses on appointments.
Our fathers were the money makers.
Waltz & Remington move harness shop to Commercial Block.
A. Boon.& Bevington purchased an average of 4,000 pounds of wool last week.
George K.Otis, roofed court between Love Bldg. and barber shop.
A.P. Edgerton moves his office to orchard opposite his home.
Fashionable Attorneys have fast horses, J.C. Coulter no exception.
Treasurer receiving taxes in Hicksville. Few paying.
Mark Center: Young Mr. Crow missing, went to Michiganwith Vanimmons.
Time to cut timber, winter lower phospheric acid.
Mark: G. Holton drilled for water, got natural gas. well plugged.
Race program for Fourth of July.
July 2, 1885
Letter from C.D. Bale of Walton, Kansas. List of Ohioans at picnic.
Farmer: Bowman & Wolford burned first kiln of tile for season.
Why sell eggs by the dozen? 20 to 30% difference in weight.
Head man of Bohemian Oats scandal arrested,

Young boys of Hicksville should have a park. Reasons given.
To ice water put the ice around rather than in. To prevent disease.
Argus should start a "finger"column. Gay Bucket factory injuries.
Argus wants a bank in Antwerp.
Bright's disease theory: chilled beverages shock internal organs.
George Taylor granted patent on a tile scoop. Knight will market.
Squire Forlow moved office from Lehman Block to Central Block.
Ten cent dance afternoon & evening Commercial Block, music Martin Orch.
Post Office open until 3 P.M July 4th.closed rest of the day.
Indian corn planted when hickory leaves size of squirrel ears.
Paulding Co. Pioneers meet at the Court House.
August 13,1885.
One dollar buys as much today as: $1.50 in'75, 91 cents in '45. etc.
Next impliment wanted is the steam plow. Custom work like threshing.
July 9, 1885
Letter from D.J. Coy, Idaho Springs, Colorado.
Baking powder tramps.
Artichoke, hog feed in Arizona. 1l Acres makes feed for 25 to 50 head.
Suspicion that mosquito carries many diseases.
3 or 4 factions of lawless men control mountains of Kentucky.
I.A. Gingery show windows. Below the Pettit Opera House. (Main & High)
Horse shoe alley, popular, between Central Block and Love Bldg.
Old Tribulation, name for old cannon belched fourth it's greeting.
Pettit's Drug Store hit by part of an anvil that was "fired".
Fire works best ever, three hours to exhaust. F. Forlow did well..
Last bank failure in China 1742 B.C. Death for mismanagement.
July 18,1885
Miss Theresa Kelly, only female made an orderly in U.S.Army; civil war.
Evangelist preached for 16 minutes, raised $21,000. Short sermons pay.
Divorce a way to double land acquisitions.
Platapus described.
Ohio Canal facts.
Myron Schell happiest man in town, a girl
Dixon Edgerton delivered 4th.of July address at St.Marys.
Bank construction contracts awarded.
Every town should have some public work, e.g. stone breaking.
July 23, 1885
Letter from F.V .Irish, Saratoga. Ohio State Teacher's Association.
John C.Fremont, camped at site of Chicago, Minneapolis & Salt Lake City
Rapid increase in negro population, double white population by 1983.
Sheriff Wonderly identitifies corpse of John A. Crow at Big Rapids, Michigan..
Lehman bldg. occupants shocked to find a rat in their well.
NED BISMARK beaten at Paulding by DUSTER. Lot of money changed hands.
Defiance Co. had 32 suits for divorce, 25 granted.
Al Crowl finishes excavating bank cellar in record time.
Obit. Henry Graber, Springfield Twp.old Settler b.1803, came 1840.
Pettit liabilities $12,000, building Opera House too big a strain.
July 30,1885.
General Grant to be buried in Central Park.
Progress of prohibition. Lists states and laws.
Williams Center: Mortgage on Town Hall forclosed, Sheriff's sale.
Six year old son of Wm. Cleland, falls from haymow, leg broken.

Men's dress goods of 25 years ago of quality unsalable now.
Aug. 6, 1885
Sects beliefs:Too good to die, God to good to damn them, or no good.etc.
Predict Panama Canal never will be completed.
Former Gov. Forester predicts depression one year longer.Tariffs.
Contributions asked to repair church where Shakespear is buried.
School Bd. Milford; bought blocks & writing charts. Didn't buy globes.
A.M Zieqler pursuing squirrels, almost shot guest in Swilley House.
Vanimmens children thought dead of poison in Chicago.
Annual mtg. of Old Settlers Sept. 3, at 10 A.M.at Fair Grounds.
Wedding of Ella Sinn & I.B. Moore, Chicago, then Michigan for home.
August 13,1885
View at Niagra improved, miss sharpers who preyed on tourists.
Fur made of feathers.
Grant's birthplace cabin lost to Ohio. (Point Pleasant)
Eldridge & Nelson Feed Store, a great convenience. Park horse a dime.
One hundred bushel Bohemian Oats shipped, 65 cents a bushel.
Paulding's fine new school finished. Cost $22,000.
Vanimmens suspected of poisoning wife a year ago.
Hon. A.P. Edgerton greatly improving appearance of office.
Camp Meeting in grove between Auburn and Auburn Junction.
School Board gives contract for frame bldg. 25 x 32 east of building.
August 20,1885
James W. Marshall is dead. Discovered gold in Calif. utter poverty.
Cattlemen want a year to move cattle off Indian land.
Henry Ward Beecher preached first sermon in Batavia,O. 50 years ago.
General Sheridan reports on trouble in Indian Territory.
Export statistics.
Williams Center: Private party buys Town Hall, may move it away.
List of students to Fayette Normal School.
Farmer: List of students to Fayette Normal School. Squires moving there to house students.
Dry Creek Ditch engineered by Tom Wright and Bill Carpenter.
200 skilled mechanics out of work at Defiance.
R.F. Kerr traded interest in Hix. Flowering Mills to T.W. Kerr.
John W.Wright manufactures Family Yeast. 8 cakes for 5 cents.
B&O car shops moving west of Ohio river to Garrett.
Charles Bassett moving jewelry store to part of Pettits.
The Big Ditch through Farmer, Mark, Delaware, Wash.& Tiffin. 35 miles.
August 27,1885
Once cultivated land returning to forest. May reclaim in future.
A tricycle propelled by gaseous mixture, shown in London Fair.
The Old Oaken Bucket, a well in Cromwell, Conn.
Laws passed in various states to limit hiring of youth under 16.
Listing causes of death of troops in Civil War.
Telephone lines to be built, Hicksville to Defiance, to Bryan.
Panorama of Battle of Shilo added to Gettysburg in Chicago.
Local Fair: Feature Ladies 5 mile bareback horse race.
Edgerton officials move into Town Hall. cost $8,000.
Night Owl Club serenading last week.
Howell's annual Niagra & Lake Chautaqua excursion. Fare $5.75.
Reopening service of remodeled M.E. Church. Cor. Edg.& Main streets.
Six men, two horses, move 90 ft.chimney 100 feet. Salem, Mass.

September 3,1885
Darwin, wrote treatise on vast importance of earth worms to humans.
Annual Sunday School Conven. J.A Hootman,Pres. Amos Forlow V.Pres.
Spiritualist Meeting most successful,5 to 6 thousand people.
Work on Merchant's & Farmer''s bank delayed for iron castings.
Dog poisoner abroad: six dogs with legs skyward.
Reader wonders if mothers of daughters at cemetery knew where?
Colored Camp Meeting at Fair Ground.
Thieves stole horse, harness & buggy from C.C. Keener's stable.
Tour of Anchor Rolling Mill, Bricker & Bare, by the editor.
September 10,1885
Fair will be a Mechanics Jubilee. Grandest and Best Fair.
In 1790 a bit more than 3 % of people lived in city or town.
Maxwell Bros. win "glass ball shoot" in Fort Wayne.
Old Settler's Cabin curiosities additions listed.
Eli the dog at A.B.& Bevingtons sad for loss of his brother Ben
Dr. Rakestraw resigned as Pres. Old Settlers, Rev. N. Crary,President.
Whitney Company returning with their tent show. Edgerton field opposite M.E.Church
Last Sunday, A.M. Grant Hixson son of Dr. Hixon,shot man in tree.
Mortgage defined: "death grip".
Over $3,000 in Indian medicine sold in Defiance encampment.
September 17,1885
Texas swindle. Letter purportedly written by Christ, sold.
Short hair a craze among the ladies. Pres. Cleveland's sister, source.
Some ranchers herding and rearing buffalo for robes and steaks.
Wisconsin cranberry growers ship 100,000 barrels at $5.00 a barrel.
Ben Butler out of politics, protest move of cattle off Indian Terr.
Tobacco habit. Effects explained to youth could prevent their use.
Germany heads other nations by superior intelligence of her people.
Horrible accident on farm of B.F. Lord.Fire box blew out. 2 killed.
Indiana farmer itemizes cost of growing 1 acre of wheat.
Edwin Shoub, killed, legs caught in feed of thresher.
Hicksville prohibition club invites Republican & Democrats to meet.
Colored Camp Meeting not a success Mger. scrapes faces to pay bills.
Cemetery Assoc. to pay half of expense for side walk.
Telephone line doubled Bryan to Toledo. Extend to Hix. via Sherwood.
Martin Hook barn near Butler burns. Spark from threshing engine.
Nine bands to compete at the Fair. (list)
Roof at Edgerton Basket Factory fell in. Too much stored lumber.
New grandstand at Fair this year. County offices to close.
It is said that old rubber boots are used to make Black Jack gum.
$100,000 estimated cost of water works at Defiance using river water.
Alaska Fur Co. pays $8.00 dividend for each dollar invested.
Sherwood P.O. moved to new store belonging to Openlander.
Cornerstone of Perry monument laid. Pomp & Ritual of Grand Lodge.
P.O.Dept.anticipates deficit of $10 million, cause reduction of postage
Joplin Daily News: Wedding of Ida M. Harmany to Frank Forlow.
Class of small boys who spend their time with 7-up & poker..
Mr.& Mrs.Thomas Cook of Elkton, Ohio visiting Mrs.Culler & Ed.Crook.
Mr. Dixon Edgerton and Miss Lois Bittinger married in Ft.Wayne,15th.
Earl Shamo,age 6, fell off the tank at new Bank project,broke arm.
Commissioners in town selling road jobs covered by levy.

October 1, 1885
Detailed report of 8th. annual Fair.
Williams Center: our band insulted at Fair.Costumes don't make a band.
Cicero: Farmers blue over threshing engine accidents. Think of horses.
Farmer: George Castor son of E.E. died after prolonged illness.
Fall: stove pipes, wild geese south bound.
Hicksville School enrollment 400.
Lost on Tight Street. a dress maker's model.
Eldridge & Nelson thank those who saved their goods from fire.
Loveland Bldg. on High burned.F. Cornwall upstairs lost everything.
Dr. Sager of Farmer says curious visitors have carried off pieces.
I.M.Gingery windows had colored (diamond dyed) chickens.
Bunch of theives caught house breaking.Splitting w.lemon ade man.
Premium awards at Fair, list of all winning entries.
Welcome speech by Mrs.M.M. Farnsworth to vets of Co.F. 111th. O.V.I.
Trotter GOLDSMITH MAID is dead, won $240,000,won 92 out of 132 races.
Electric versus gas light, Dixon,Ill. Elec.light Co. failed.
Wyoming Terr.mountain solid hematite,soda lime,oil oozing from ground.
Charley Krotz sued by D. Wertheimer for cheating and bad faith. Is.
October 22,1885
Enmity between French and English in Canada. Ethnic pop. detailed.
American Missionary Society supported by Congregationalists.
Potter Palmer stops porters from accepting tips. $5.00 a room enough.
Chinese leaving west coast, preventing more from entering U.S..
4,000,607 farms in U.S. 1880; 4,225,867 farmers w families 40% of pop.
Jacob Fitzcharles has purchased a tile machine for next summer.
Seven deaths from dysentery during one month in Milford Twp.
Putting up the parlor stove.
A.P. Edgerton making improvements in many of his houses and lots.
Mrs. A. Simpson and daughter Lillie Pettit, visiting in Penn.
Grey squirrels disappearing, maybe because of agressive reds.
Beer more dangerous than whiskey, Scientific American.
Iron bridge across river at Newville completed.
One Price Clothiers forced to wall, Liabilities as large as stock.
Kickapoo Indian Band at Commercial Hall. Free exhibition.
Kickapoo Indian Oil, worm killer & salve at Pettit Drug Store.
October 29,1885
200 members Ohio Hist. Soc.pay $5.00 each for Ohio Centennial support.
Williams Center: Our streets free of cattle, wont eat our gardens.
Sherwood: telephone in a room of Miller, Rock & Co. Looks well.
Feathered game plentiful. Antwerp shipped 1,000 pounds last week.
G.K. Otis erecting 2 story frame bldg for Eldridge & Nelson grocery.
Montpelier: Gypsies suspected of stealing a 4 year old girl.
Edgerton: LADY ELGIN trotting mare injured. Owner suing Def.Fair.
G.K. Otis purchased stock of Lewis & Hersch,will continue business.
W.O Hughes & Co. received first telephone message from Bryan.
Auburn greenhouse man would move here if encouraged.
Program of the M.E. District Conference.
John Foust in town last week with a number of studs. Listed.
November 5, 1885
Millions of squirrels migrating from Miss. to Ark. shore of Miss.R.
The Williams Center band will play for Grand Ball at Allen's Hotel.

Jerico: Elihu Booth, employed by J.D. Patton is going west.
A.P. Edgerton appointed to Civil Service Commission, to Washington.
Illustration of the tile scoop, reversible, push or pull.
George Berry has bought 1,500 barrel of apples, etc.
B.F. Nelson purchased interest of P.Eldridge in grocery & feed store.
F.L. Kiplinger purchased stock of T. Gallentine. Myron Shell clerk.
November 12,1885
Otis Fisher & Evan have a street lamp in front of their store.
Merchant's & Farmer's Bank in new quarters.
$200. 1,024 pound bell in place at M.E. Church.largest bell in town.
Joe Rex of Newville, tried everything, as poor as when he started.
Wedding of Dr.N.R.Simmons & Miss Helen Warsetler.Lists guests & gifts.
Hand husking corn, looks strange in view of other farm improvements.
Judge Latty has force of men clearing 920 A.tract at Tates Landing.
November 19,1885
Evangelist Moody methods of church raising money an Abomination.
All mines in Hocking Valley closed by strike.
Pres.will call for cessation in efforts to reduce national debt.
First deposit at M.& F Bank by G.K Otis. G.W. Berry tried hard.
Auburn: Mrs. S.E.Rhodes of Newville in town w neice,Mrs.F.L.Forlow.
W.T. McGuire of Antwerp building a 1/2 mile track.Owns FRED MORAN.
Thirteen places in Hicksville where groceries are sold.
Mrs. Wm. Friend near Napoleon gives birth to five boys, all well.
Frank Snyder brought a horse sired by AMBASSADOR from Sandusky City.
THB Correll has sold Commercial Hall to Charles Krotz.
November 26, 1885
DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. 8 Bldgs. 250 foot of High St. Details. 4th in 6 years.
General Sheridan on civilizing Indians.
National Banks rule finance of Nation.$2,000,000,000 under control.
Farmer: wed, F.W. Richardson and Miss Emma Poorman.
Scotch Colony being planted in Florida. 50 families,1,000 to follow.
Westerners broke down the walls of Chinese, may wish they had not.
Evansport mill fire. If rebuilt will be powered by steam.
Vanimmons arrested in Peabody, Kan. for murder of John Crow of Mark.
Libel suit over indecent valentine resulted in acquittal.
Doctoring County poor $1,700, Defiance only cost $400.
Paulding Democrat has two pages of Sheriff sales & forfeits.
December 3, 1885
Leading Republican candidates are Blaine, Logan, Sherman & Edmunds.
V.Pres. Hendricks died of paralysis of brain at home in Indianapolis.
Benjamin Patton has Willard Hotel bill of 57 years ago.
Cleveland Leader description in detail of A.P. Edgerton in Wash.
Start of rebuilding after the fire, a small temporary building.
Local Doctors who practice in Indiana must get licences there.
Next week the NEWS will publish all new blgs. built in past two years.
Sherwood Band heard distinctly in Hicksville by telephone.
December 10,1885
Report of Hicksville Union Schools, listing all students.
Caleb Early of near Findlay will build 2 story double room.
At Opera House Dec.18,Rev. G.W.Barr reports on his trip to Wyoming.
William Vanderbuilt dropped dead in his residence in N.Y.
List of building done in past two years $60,585.00..

V. Pierman sold finest hogs brought to Hix.this year.12 sold $133.
George Forder has 15 A. cleared and 8 put to grass.
Messr. I.A. Gingery & C.G. Shepard now manage Pettit Opera House.
The Ohio Indiana Ag. Co. gross 1885 $3,186.66. detailed.
December 17,1885
Big Rapids Herald: THE CROW MURDER
William Cole fitting up former harness shop as a saloon.
Dr. Combs formerly of Hix. sold interest in Mineral Springs Hotel.
Christmas festival, how it should be observed, Rev. Wesner.
T. Carey & Enoch Haddix opened their new kiln of brick. All A-1.
Boys & dogs.Fun they can't get out of life not worth having.
C.C. Lehman, Ohio Farmers Insurance agency in Allen County.
L.E. Griffin traded Cornelia St. property for business prop.on High.
Rough looking man with gun enters Christian Church sits in front.
Upper floor of Casebeer Block, offices of attorneys. and village council.
EXTRA Chicago Times: Murder near Auburn.Victim killed for $6.00.
Council discusses means of fighting fire.Commence putting in cisterns.
December 24,1885
Central Furniture to move from Commercial Block to Krotz Opera Block.
Insurance rate on frame bus. blds.3 1/2 %. No Company anxious.
Charley Krotz talks of veneering the Commercial Block in brick.
White Lake, Dakota.Wedding of Dr. F. Dowd & Miss Lillie Kintigh. In detail.
Holiday Suppliment.
W.J. Kleckner gives a ticket with 50 cent purchase on a 20# stick of candy.
Mr. & Mrs. E.W. Crook entertained at their home on Smith Street.
Dr. Rakestraw has labels printed for his blood purifier, Cancer cure.
Rev. Barr leaving Presbyterian Church. for Presb.Ch.Rollins, Wy. $1,200.
December 31, 1885
Cicero: Andrew Hilbert circulating subscription book for Wesner salary
Ministerial Mtg. Proper observance of Sabbath. (skating rink immoral)
Williams Center: New store a fizzle. Talks of putting in hard cider.
Wedding of James Clapper to Miss Tillie Knight.125 guests,gift list.
List of Hicksville businesses
G. Miller & G. Coburn sharing hoops & ax handles,in log bldg.next to Wertz saloon.
Rev.J. Huffman removing residence to a lot opposite Fair Grounds
A two story brick to be erected on lot vacated on High Street.
First telephone message to Detroit clear, no need to repeat.
W.L. Holbrook, Dentist of Kendalville, occupies room above M&F Bank.
Skating school opened Christmas night,large attendance
H.G. Elliott on hand to photograph bad wreck 4 miles west of St.Joe
Edgerton Observer:R. Haskins to Big Rapids bringing Vanimmons children.
Council should pass an ordinance, no frame buildings on High St.
Jan.7,1886 Dowell and Culler publishers.
Letter from J.D. Patton, Fayetteville, Ark.
Reunion of family of Amos Forlow. Four generations.
Rev. Wesner, against the rink. Detrimental.
Column on Indian problem.
Hicksville people on train that wrecked at White's Mills.
Coulter&Griffin,Sheppard & Richards & Village Council.over Pettits.
Jan. 14, 1886
Morality in business methods.
Letter from G.W. Chapman, Colby, Wisconsin.

Merchant's & Farmer's Bank . Financial report.
Letter from E.M. Horton in Eustis, Florida.
Hicksville Fair.
A.P. Edgerton willing to sell fair grounds.
Marble Shop building moved into middle of High Street.
Water well gives gas at 50 feet in Bryan
Fearful wreck on B&O at Colburg, seven miles west of Valporiaso.
Jan. 21, 1886
Column by Nathan Palmer of Newville.
Column by Hon. Benjamin Patton
School report.
A.B.& Bevington sell carload of salt a month.100 250 brls. per car.
Dr. Simmons moved to rooms over Merchant's and Farmer's Bank.
Charles Krotz defying ordinance denying frame construction on High.
Jan.28,1886
Proper observance of the Sabbath.
Literary Debate topic. Ministers are of more benefit than Doctors.
A turkey convention, long story.
Feb. 4, 1886
Pioneer experience of Nathan Palmer.
Central Furniture moved to Krotz Opera Block.
P.M. Eldridge will locate in new block opposite Edgerton home.
East bound passenger rear ended a freight a mile west of Chicago Junction.
New rooms of Thompson, Willson, Forlow have "Defiance slat blinds"
A Dakota "stick" of twisted hay on display at Miller & Jeffries.
Feb 11, 1886
Allen Countryman holding team on grade crossing on Main Street.
Last Sat. Feb. 6 surprise party on Mrs. Wm. Countryman.
School report.
Petitition Senate & House.Prohibit sale of grain at fictitious price.
Telephone line from U.B. Church to Mrs. Harp. Sermon not clear.
A serious sleighing accident at the Edgerton Railroad.
Feb. 18,1886
Home Fair Circuit.
Polite stealing, Bohemiam oats.
Residence and business directory to be published by Culler & Noble.
J.M. Ainsworth one of earliest business men.Sold first coal oil lamp.
Feb.25, 1886
Dr Otis speaks about criminal charges.
Kerr Bros. to erect new factory near present one.
A.P. Edgerton leased all his farming lands to Ainsworth,Simmons, etc.
A horse caught a shoe in R.R. track,fell leaving wagon on track.
March 4, 1886
Mammouth gas well struck in Findlay, on bank of river. Flaming.
Cicero: B.L. Ginter will move 8 miles west of Hicksville, Keener farm.
Two B & O freights come together at Delaware Bend.
J.T. Arnold has patent for new crimp on washboards.
March 11,1886
Vanimman's gets a life sentence for the murder of John Crow.
Letter & reply,have Universalists turned over to U.B. Church?
Hicksville Municipal affairs in good condition. Report.
Someone tarred the front of Dr.Otis & Zartman & Dr.Richards.

Marvin Smith to be clerk in A.P.Edgerton office. A.P.in Washington.
March 18,1886
Court proceedings, one column.
Letter from Central Wisconsin. S.H. Schooly (Wein, Wisconsin)
Work started on A.T.Palmer's new building.
Grade C.Primary split to morning and afternoon sections.Crowded.
Charly Krotz has contracted for bricks to be used veneering Comm.Blk.
March 25,1886
Rev.Crary on saving seed corn.
Equinoxial storm, much damage.
Cashier Horton supervising the pumping out the bank basement..
Bryan Old Settlers meet July 3.
Getty Improved Road Cart mfg. by F.Clemmer & Wm.Getty.Pinkerton bldg.
April 1, 1886
Letter from D.R.Coe Colby, Wisconsin.
Harter on Bohemian oats, how got in and how got out.
Miss Amelia Swilley back from Delaware, a talented artist.
Bartlett & Nelson purchased a large double cooler for butcher shop.
April 8,1886
A.F.Nail mgr. of Drummer Boy Co.lost all costumes in fire in trunk.
Why do we have eggs on Easter?
Cicero: Two men in egg sucking contest, 26 in 15 mins.looser pays.
Trotting horses,year 1824 2:40 remarkable. Maude "S" 1880, 2:08 3/4
Teacher exam results.
Snow 12 to 18 inches last night.Rakestraw says 20 yrs.ago 20 inches.
Sam Stafford,a boy age 12,hand badly mangled in saw.
April 15,1886
Gas or Oil. Citizens raised $3,725 to drill. Officers and details.
Latty: Crowd wants to hang murderer Haley, killed Matt Crosby.
Corn Culture: details on planting etc, Big Corn.!
Gas notes: Bryan at 1,500 feet, Archbold at 400 ft. in salt water.
Professor Gunning and Leslie predict peripheral supply, oil & gas.
School Report.
Letter from A.M.Hootman, college teacher in Chicago.
Chas. Krotz & Mrs Simpson to veneer their buildings. Alley roofed.
April 22, 1886
Gas & oil committee touring towns that have drilled.
Our Schools, census and valuation for taxes.
Merrit Carr of Antwerp ,kicked in throat,dead at 26.
Letter from Juneau Alaska to W.P. Gilbert from Henry.
Frank L. Forlow at 23 the youngest Justice in Ohio.April 29, 1886
New process reduces cost of aluminum from $14.00 to 23 cent per.#
Village coouncil contracting for lumber for street crossings.
Council to purchase wind mill for town well.
Obit; Mrs R.F. Kerr nee Otis died of consumption.
J.W. Shepard, jovial agent at the B&O elevators in Hicksville.
Mrs. Swilley bought and removed adjoing bldg. for fire safety.
Kerr Bros shipped four car loads hard wood lumber to Scotland.
J. Fitzcharles purchased an engine & boiler to manufacture tile.
Three car loads of soldiers went through to troubled west.
A.T. Palmer building to have patent iron roof.Two more rooms this summer
F.N. Horton to erect fine residence on Smith Street.

Who would be a councilman? Cussed if he does, damned if he does not.
May 6, 1886
Mrs Julia G. Donafin death April 8.
Western Electric puts up temporary street lights in Defiance.
Cicero. Assessor has been here, dog can be taken out of the shed.
Council: Ordinance on construction of sidewalks. Casebeer resigned.
Three cisterns.1 near bank on Main,1 on High mid. 1 corn.Maple High.
Common Pleas Court.
Charter for gas co.
Farmers soaking seed corn in coal oil to stop wire and cut worms.
Jacob Dierstein, pitcher,joined Minn. baseball club.$1,000 per year.
May 13, 1886
Sad citizen grievance about cleaning up our premises.
Common Please Court.
Ohio Centennial Expo.takes place of State Fair.$100 in gold for theme idea.
Chicago police break up riot, several killed, (Hay Market Riot?)
Both flouring mills reduce price, flour $1.30 per sack.
Telephones in U.S. 325,574, Great Britain 13,000.
A.L.Harris worked 128 hours in one week, Kerr Bros. factory.
Weller & Hayes did porch on Azarial Hattery's brick. handsomest.
Frank L. Forlow in Columbus last week, now Attorney at Law.
Hicksville gas and oil Co. elects directors,Edgerton donates land.
May 20, 1886
Akim Benson of Lima will drill near the Trunk Slat factory.
Mrs. E.M.Pettit visiting mother till new home completed.
May 27, 1886
Ice Creamites (sad citizen)
Obit. Samuel Wallace Wilson, born Penn. 15,Sept.1826, died may 23.
Wms. Center: Letter by W.H. Lane regarding a letter in Independent.
The Cranks, one of them.
Obit. Mrs. Sally A. Coburn, born Conn, Aug.22,1819, Elder J.Hootman.
Geo.K. Otis to move into the Palmer Brick building.
Another assessment 25% of stockholders of Gas & Oil Co.
William Hartle and Mrs. Ella Tricht (sp) married.
Peter Hilbert with Wallace Hilbert of Lansing.visit sons Grenola, Kans.
Gas well in A.P. Edgerton's field, back of Webb's livery barn.
Hedges Mill. cut off saw burst in ten pieces killing John A. Stone.
Derrick for oil well must be very substantial. Crowd watch erection.
Miss Carrie Huber making big improvements to her hotel Aldine.
A slip on a plank, two pails of pig slop in the air, soiled atty. .
June 3, 1886
The Crank Again. (prohibition crank)
Break in at Old Settler's Cabin.
A.W. Lewis of Ney of cheese factory, will start one here in spring.
A house in town that approaches the "fast order",nip it in the bud.
Decoration Day Program written up
June 10,1886
COMMENCEMENT entire program.
J. Fitzcharles makes 4,000 4" tile a day.
Temperance Legislation.
School Report.
FIRST LADY. Miss Frank Folson wed to President Cleveland.

Miller & Jeffries safe blown. Joke. wasn't even locked.
B.S. Pettit has taken up a claim in Dakota.
Dr. Combs arrives in town to practice medicine.
Hotel Aldine, Miss C.T. Huber proprietess, J.P.Sheridan mgr.opens.
Teacher's pay published, reduced to hire one more teacher.
June 17,1886
transfer: A.P. Edgerton to Wm. Hartle, lot 13,Edg.3rd.adn. $650.00.
Letter from S.P. Buda, Hayes Center, Nebraska.
Williams Center. 60 car loads of ships timber, from Bryan & Melburn.
Defiance veteran's monument.
Daniel Hilbert's drive a well, look out for an oil boom!
Historical & Pioneer Assoc. Anyone arriving by 1850, an Old Settler.
E.C. Akin missed his train, met a driller who discouraged him.
A Monster Snake. Silver Lake, N.Y.
Plans for big celebration here July 3rd. Come and have a big time.
Military band will give concert Thursday evening.
Hicksville Alumni Association organized. Lists officers.
Scarlett fever epidemic, three deaths 2 miles south of Mark
June 24, 1886
To the Honorable Council (by Sad Citizen)
Band stand needed.
Remeniscences of a journey to California. by J.H.C.
A letter from Kansas, W.D.full column.Six days Hicks.to Frisco.
Council: Petition to open Maple, Cornelia to Smith.
Petition to vacate alley between Arthur and Cornelia E.of Main St.
A letter from a Confederate.
Examination of Farmer's & Merchant's Bank, reports good condition.
Dr. Combs specialty, eye ear nose and throat. lists education.
Biggest nuisance in Ohio is continual, everlasting exams of teachers.
Explosive prescription blows in pharmacist's face.
Car load of dynamite held in Toledo, Cleveland won't allow in town.
July 1,1886
John A.Foust to J.C. Wilderson,lot 14 + 4 feet of 15,Partn. Addn.
A Sham of life. (Wanderer)
Another of Pasteur's patients has died of Hydrophobia.
Miss Amelia Swilley returns from Delaware Univ. Animal painting study
July 8, 1886
Observation of the Glorious Fourth as observed in Hicksville,column
Industrial parade,considerable betting on races,% cents to $500.00.
Defiance telephone office handles 500 local,35 calls from outside.
H. Bricker Meats. Steak 7 to 9 cents, 2nd door E.of A.B.&.Bevington.
Warren Cole to build 1 story brick between Palmer and Central Block.
Additional 15% asessment of Gas Co. stockholders.
Thomp. Wilson & Forlow buy Charlott Krotz bldg.and lot to Ryan res.
Costable Hill & Night watchman Nelson,dodged suspicious characters.
July 15, 1886
Blessedness & cussedness, 1 & 1/2 columns. Denominationality.
Miss Anna Hartle & Mrs. Wm. Hartle, visited Hall's Corners.
Three year old lost legs by mower cutting bar. Gingery.Logan area.
Teacher's Institute report.
Rope broke at gas well. sent for special tools to extract bit.
Cleveland Leader: Liveliest young man in Washington is A.P.Edgerton.

Mrs Mary Parker & Miss Viola Smith open Milinery in Aldine Block.
July 22,1886
HABBITS 1 1/2 column by Sad Citizen.
Men & boys congregating in front of hotels making foul remarks.
A youth of tender age courting our daughter, from gate to porch.
Miss Verretta Arrantz closed the term at Thompson school
Festival at Wartenbee's grove great, cornet band furnishes music.
Defiance: Cattle ordinance has small dairy owners mad at Mayor.
County ditch bonds in amount of $6,400. interest 6%.sold Aug.16.
People cool off on old Fort grounds, every Sunday.
Defiance Normal College opens Aug 10, little cost to educate youth.
Lost Creek: Little Homer Ridenouer almost burns place down.
Charles Krotz purchased of A.B.& Bev, 4 A.E of Maple.28lots,1/2 sold.
Drill at gas well came unscrewed, resting at 350 feet.
Meeting to form a prohibition club, at Knights of Labor Hall.
Dr. Combs office above Central Furniture, Krotz Opera Block.
Myron Schell, G.O.Coburn invoiced A.R.Steelsmith's stock, Bankrupt.
Two brick business rooms to be between Otis Clothing & Dalrymples.
B.F. Casebeer returns from Missouri well pleased with country.
L.E. Griffin back but will return for murder trial as Attorny for defendent.
Attempt made to lynch Bill Haley at Paulding,(stabbed Matt Crosby)
Wm.Knight, one of Mitchell Raiders,lectured at Opera House Sat. eve.
Cicero: L.A. Battershell Dry Goods and Groceries.
July 29,1886
David Stull to Jacob Snyder,lots 191-192&20ft x 200 off Bryan Rd.
Webster dam is repaired and the mill is running.
THEN AND NOW
Contrast todays harvest with yesteryears. A fearful battle in field.
The editor is gone. Questions and Answers.
Little River Ditch, S.E.Allen Co. 44 miles long, contract $137.000.
Obit of Dr. James B.Taylor.
Need an auditorium at well site for onlookers, down 500 feet.
Aug. 5, 1886
Daniel Hilbert's wind pump will operate his Coolley Creamer.
Defiance.
The annual mtg.of Maumee Valley Pioneer Asoc. held Turkey Foot Rock.
Charter of the new railroad, Defiance to Paulding.
Wm. Gould fell into a saw at John Marshall's mill, killed.
Obit. of Joseph Martin.
THB Correll begins foundations for 3 brick bldgs,in burned out area.
Wesner moves P.O. to east room of Commercial Block.
Lost Creek. First brick mill of area, at old Jessie Haller place,
Defiance struck oil at 1,675 feet.well to be "shot" this week.
Council advertizes for bids on cisterns.
J.D. Kerr breaks ground for residence corner Main and Edgerton St.
September 2,1886
Pioneers,what they did at meeting. photo of those as early as 1850.
Stewart Wartenbee of Indiana gave short address.
Daniel Wentworth sang pioneer song of 40 years ago.
D.W. Snyder sang an excellent song from 40 years ago.
Wesley Sanford came 43 years ago. arrived with $5.00 now has $10.00
E.G. Fay of Bryan came 42 years ago.

Edward Phelps of Defiance came 50 years ago. Flour $17.00 a barrel.
Mrs. M.M. Farnsworeth read an address, whole column.
P.B.Nimmons of Indiana came 44 years ago, came to see the log cabin.
L.W. Wilder sang his interesting and laughable Pioneer Song.
George Clemmer came 38 years ago.Vol. Army, eulogized life of a soldier.
Lyman Landon came to Defiance in 1845, N.W.Ohio is paradise of land.
N.B. Hall read address comparing present to 50 years ago.
Column on the coming Fair.
Marriage of G.M. Stall and Miss Hattie Kleckner. detailed.
G.W. Richie leaving Hicksville.
Dakota crops not a success this year, insufficient rain.
John Rose & Elmer Hollabbaugh have contract for fire cisterns.(loc).
Riding on Rock St. Sunday a dog bit hind foot of Frank Snyder's horse. (he returned and shot the dog)
Republicans of Defiance Co. met at Pettit's Opera House.
Henry Oswalt & D. Wentworth told their stories at Paulding last week
Parker and Smith Milinery in the Hotel ALDINE Block.
A social will be held at the home of Peter Countryman.
STRUCK OIL AT LAST! coal oil found in excavation for Correll Block.
September 16,1886
To Soothe the Savage Beast. Sad Citizen.
Springfield,O. Board of Education segregates the schools.
Old Settler Mtg. at Antwerp.H. Oswalt, President.
Old Settler Mtg. at Paulding, Daniel Wentworth, President.
No little complaint about crowding at Hicksville Schools.
Mistakes on Maumee Bridge at Defiance will cost County thousands of dollars .
Hon.A.P. Edgerton is in town and will remain till after the Fair.
Drill still at bottom of well, hands awaiting arrival of tools.
Edward Phelps, Defiance only man there that helped for our railroad.
PIONEERS:Most enthusiastic meeting ever held. Suggested displays in cabin.
Siam, near Attica, Ohio, excited over grave robbery. Dr. arrested.
Charleston desolated,miles of structures in ruins.Quake loss $10 million.
The Fair: small special edition.
J.W. Lower milk service,8 cows 3 years ago. 70 kept by individuals.
Write up of Kleckner-Stall wedding. Guests and gifts listed.
September 21,1886
Special Fair Edition.
Lists of advertizers.
Sad Citizen reports Fair today and Wanderer reports Fair in 100 yrs.
Flies around the candy stand are healthy looking.
Council: bills allowed for cisterns. Considering Krotz addition.
Petition to Mayor for election on Local Option.
School Board adopts McGuffey Revised Edition, supplied at wholesale.
Sad Citizen's views.
Sunday Fight! Ward Robertson and two tramps. Joe Fish helps settle.
Listing of pastor assignments for Central O.Conf. of M.E.Church.
September 30, 1886
Two tramps freed to save cost of meals.
One argument against prohibition; farmers loose market for grain.
George W. Forder elected Pres. of Paulding Co. Agriculture Society.
Letter from Downs, Osborn Co. Kansas. Solomon Valley.
Defiance: To weary Commissioners, ask questions about the bridge.

Mount Vernon Bridge Co. has started work on bridge.
Bohemian Oats case ended, Betts a free man. Failure of first case.
Henry County Fair receipts, $2,645. will pay premiums.
Gambling at Defiance Co.Fair. Will ruin if continued.(Rev.Crary)
James Lindsay prepairing to build a brick home.
Surprise party,Mrs Peter Countryman's birthday, the 16th.
Fort Wayne Fair not a financial success.
Prof. S.L. Lutz our Superintendant of Schools.
Maggie Dickerhoff, daughter of Dan & Tillie interred in Webster Cem.
Remains of John Crow returned and interred in Lost Creek Cemetery.
Montpelier Fair suffered from weather, their first fair.
Three local band boys join a theatrical company.
G.F. Knight salesman buys skiff, floats down Tenn.river to mills.
Report on the Fair.
Victims of Spanish Poker & shell game many. Much money lost.
The bear sold at auction, makes owner very uncomfortable in saloon.
Adv. for Dr. F.G. Arter: at Swilley House every month. Cures guaranteed.
Defiance:
A month after completion date,no work done on superstructure of bridge
Raid on two houses of ill fame. The "shot tower" yielded 3 visitors.
Reunion of Hart family at home of Johnathon Hart. Details.
Serious wreck on B&O.west of Cromwell Ind. Citizen Isaac Maxwell.
W.O. Hughes purchase lots west of Krotz Opera house for brick structure.
Enumeration of Hicksville Special School District.
Wesley Batchelor moving hardware to Commercial Block. Former P.O.
Nelson Brothers move grocery to the west room of the block.
Bricker & Co. new shop next to P.O. Wesner stationery in front.
John Nelson family reunion.
Levy. not to exceed 1/10 mil for relief of vets and or families.
October 14,1886
Facts: Editor's teen age son's growing pangs. Sad Citizen.
Address of welcome by Mrs. M.M.Farnsworth,reunion Co.F.O.V.I.(colmn)
Hay at a high price, timothy $14.00 per ton.
Defiance:
Death of Carrie Mitchel age 8, blood poisoning, First death at children's home.
New Catholic Church at South Ridge to cost $20,000.
School enumeration: Census, 65 vacant houses in city.
A letter from Silcott, Washington Territory, D.B. Hilbert.
Notice. P.M. Eldridge will commence buying ashes Nov.1st..
Hicksville School report. lists all students by grades
4,136 licensed physicians in Indiana,almost as many as in Hicksv.
Contractor Priddy gives up on the gas well.
Local Option has carried.
Clemmer & Getty purchased old Crowl Wagon shop,moved E.of Stave Fac.
Hundred from here attended Kendalville Fair.
Mr.I.S. Miller slandered by saloonists. Many sign testimonials.
Marriage of C. Hawkins & Miss Ida Otis.Presents of better class listed.
Hon Benj. Patton finishing fishing pond 150 x 100,three fountains.
2 days of Mattinee races at Montpelier.Adm.25,ladies free.Stand .10
Hicksville Fair pays premiums in full. Borrowing money to pay.
Williams Center:
W.P. Case purchases Ohio House in Bryan.

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Ex-Governor Foster to speak at Farmer, music Wm. Center band.
Died Thomas Blair age 71, Result of a rat bite.
Eliza Carpenter, sufferer of cancer 20 years cured by Dr.F.G. Arter.
October 21,1886
FALL IDYLS: Overcoats. Windstorm took out signs on High. Kill quail?
Clay & Crowl start a broom factory in old Post Office.
B&O to Philadelphia, will enter N.Y. by mid November.
John Ames has made 350 barrels of cider and 400 gals. of molasses.
C.A. Weaver & E.E.Hale busy making apple barrels for James Casebeer.
Nuptials of Miss Clara & Warren E. House of Jamaica West Indies.
Marion Star: Henderson Drama Co. Orchestra, music of high order.
Letter from A.P. Edgeton in Wash.Wanderer must be Sad Citizen. etc.
Assurance of Ainsworth that Charles Krotz will complete grading.
Council accepts Krotz addition.
October 28,1886
Audubon Society incorporated, 12,000 members.
Defiance: History of apple tree on north bank of Maumee.7 ft.diam.
Leroy Wygant of Hartzburg,toppled over railing of Auglaize bridge.
Ftn. Chapel Corners: Miss Clara & Will Donat attend school in Hicksville
Taffy pull at the residence of Samuel Reeb.
West End: Wild geese, bee tree felled without permission,James Lindsay farm, restitution satisfactory.
Milford School Bd. resolved school house to be used for school only.
Lost Creek: Dick Arrowsmith to California.
Defiance: Huge old apple tree blown down in storm.
Will Jarvis contracts for a complete butter factory or creamery.
County children's home has 24 residents, infirmary has 36.
Al Maxwell will move feed store to room vacated by Wesly Batchelor.
Ben Maxley & John Wise erecting homes in Hattery adn. Wise a brick.
Ainsworth B.& B have ingenious machine, puts buttons on shoes.
Archbold Herald. Dr. Sabins moving to new home on Indian Reservation.
Charley Krotz latest addition to Hicksville.11 story brick shoe shop.
John Gries caught arm in dust carrier at Kerr Bros. factory.
Dr. W.S. Williams of Kendalville, and Miss Jennie Otis wed.
Defiance: Erie mills being enlarged,16 pr. Stevens rollers.
Mackinaw R.R.Paulding to Defiance wants right of way and grade, gift
J.F. Haller brings in copy of first newspaper. Hicksville Independent.
COMPACT OF FREEDOM passed 99 years ago. Ohio Centennial planned.
Building for Kerr Bros. new factory up.Work progress on boiler room.
Co. to sell contract for Gordon Creek bridge near Thomas O'Niel.
Charlie Boy, starts laundry in Hicksville, No pig tail.
B.F. Casebeer to LaMarr, Mo. Family to follow in spring.
Pocket watch scam.
The Red Book available. A political text book. Free on request.
Defiance Democrat:Fontland, home of old enemy of School Book Ring.
Charges brought against teacher at Wm Center for unbecoming conduct.
Cicero: Battershell resigns as P.M. Kleckner moving to serve.
November 4.1886
Front page loaded with election cartoons.
Column by Rev. Samuel P. Jones.
Dentist's chair:
Party by The Congenial Assoc. of Matrimonial Candidates, Friday eve.

Judge Patton invited to Mansfield for cornerstone laying.Pen.
Husking 75 shocks, 48 hills to shock, 113 bu.in ten hours.
Case Scientific School at Cleveland burned loss $200,000.
Defiance: Winter apples selling for 35 cents a bushel.
Ex-P.M. Evans received a warrant for $380.part of salary 1866 to 68.
November 11,1886
Woman Suffrage in Wyoming,(two weeks, more than a column.)
Defiance: The first span completed in four weeks work.
Electric engines too small, new 125 horsepower Russels in place.
Circuit Court has 25 cases. Krotz case could take all allotted time.
Temperance Cause ladies to present petition on local option.
Garrett will soon be lighted by electric lights.
First iron burial vault used here, Mrs Wallace Jackson.
Drill fast again at Bryan.
J.Kerr's new residence corner of S. Main & Edgerton about completed.
Orchestra boys return after six weeks, dissatisfaction with leader.
Mr.Dewey of Toledo not allowed to rent stave factory. Norwalk Bank.
Miss Amelia Swilley accepting pupils in art classes.
School master Scott acquitted. A boobery in W.Center. two schools.
Judge Bowersox accepts Rev.Crary offer to debate prohibition.
November 18,1886
Hicksville from hamlet to city. a short sketch.Advertizers featured.
Ainsworth, Boon Bevington & Co.
Wilderson & Co.
Thompson, Wilson & Forlow.
Dalrymple Drug Store.
E.M. Pettit Drug Store
Fancy Dress Party at Krotz Opera House. ladies of S.O.M. of H.club.
Ed. Bilderback purchases harness shop of G.K. Otis.
At the election at Antwerp 600 signed petition to abandon reservoir.
Madge Hartle will marry Nov. 22, in Golden State of California.
Williams Co. has 320 pensioners to receive $38,598.
George Scott bought first ticket over Wabash in New Union Station in Toledo.
Haley murder trial in Paulding verdict by Judge Sutphin.
Notice. Anchor Mills want 300 cords of four foot wood immediately.
Officers of U.B. Church should provide means of avoiding mud.
Our gas well at 1,035 feet.Findlay wells daily output 729 barrels.
November 25,1886
Continuing interviews with Hicksville business men.
Otis Fisher & Evans Co.Clothing, groceries and shoes.
C.M. Overholt, Agriculture machinery.
Mrs. W.G.Hamilton, Millinery.
S. Blodgett. Undertaker.
F.A. Patterson, Jeweler.
William Cahill, Grocer.
Mrs. Murphy, Millinery.
Mr. G.K.Otis. Clothier.
Hotel Aldine.
A. Goodin, Groceries, Queens ware,etc.
Wesley Bachelor, Shelf and heavy hardware.
C.V. Tannehill, Dentist.
Nelson Brothers, Grocer.

Parker and Smith, Milinery.
J.W. Bruce, Grocer.
Edward Brooks, Shoe maker.
E.M. Wort, Barber.
E.E. Hale, Manufacturer of cisterns.
T.E. Gay, Tailor
W.H. Shamo, Barber
G.W. Wort, Laundry
Dr.D. Hobrook, Dentist
Gillingham & Polter, Builders.
Reed & Welty, Slate Roofing.
T.F. Dowell, Livery.
J.H. Smith, Carriage Maker.
Lincoln Scott, Barber.
EXPRESS; Ex president Arthur dies.
Clay and Crowl, Brooms
Write ups by Charles M. Fisher.
Mrs. Edgerton returned to Fort Wayne.
Bryan Press will print addresses of Bowersox and Crary in full.
Cornerstone of the new court house at Paulding laid,Masonic Cer. 21.
Albert Rodegast ejected last Saturday for non-payment of rent.
Des. Moines:W.D. Hart,son of John Hart,Harness mkr.Injured in fall.
I.M. Maxwell suing B&O for damage in wreck.
Miss Cora Knight gives costume party for friends.
Miss Allie Lehman goes to Cleveland to spend winter with cousins.
Rev. J.W. Lilly purchased Cal Wade lot next to G.F.Knight, Smith St.
December 2, 1886
Thoughts suggested by laying corner stone of Intermed. Penitentiary.
Thanksgiving poem by Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth.
Five Points: Debating society formed at Hart's School house.
Ftn. Chap.Cors. Dynamiters attempt to blow out feeder of reservoir.
Elder B.V. Springer, Latter Day Saints. preaching at Erter School.
Miss Una Hughes teacher, 38 enrolled.
St.Joe Items:
School enrollment 119.
Four car loads of hogs shipped Thursday.
Saw Mill Co. filling large orders for the B.& O.
Next week St.Joe News double sized, comics and holiday fun.
Miss Laura Johnson very ill with malarial fever.
Wm. Henry sold blacksmith shop to August Lochapelle of Michigan.
Messrs Nolan & Kendall pushing the well here. Mr.Nolan in person.
Aldine Hotel:Two large sample rooms,two parlors, 26 sleeping rooms.
Proposed north south R.R. for Hicksville. Must act quickly.
Water in well at New London, Ohio. turned to vinegar. Marketed.
Local option closes Delta saloons.
254,469,256 cigars produced in Ohio last year.
Mr. Lyman Landon in town being treated for cancer by Dr. Rakestraw.
I.A. Gingery's lease of Pettit Opera House expired. Chairs etal for sale.
Miss Mattie Moore resigns as teacher in Hicksville Schools.
Miss Mary Parker bought L.E. Griffin frame bldg. next to Swilley House.
Sad Accident: 15 mo.old son of W.O. Hughes fell with spoon in mouth.
Sam Meyerhoffer errected three houses in Garrett,pre cut, by Kerr.

Mansfield Gazette: Patton's comments on penitentiary printed.
Teacher's Institute at Defiance Normal. Officers elected.
December 9, 1886
Yes we struck oil, been holding our noses every since.
Lost Creek:thermometer 6 below.
Albert Coy feeding 60 head of cattle.
Daniel Hilbert lost a valuable horse to bilious colic. 3 have died.
Coles Corners: $5.00 per day offered to man who will cut many cords.
Defiance: Reps. from Findlay offer to lay a gas line to here.
Death of Crawford T. Adams, age 47.
Hicksville School Report. lists all students by grade.
Braham Bercaw,former blacksmith at Independence, drops dead.
JOOBAHAW latest coinage, for individual always shooting off mouth.
James G.Taylor moved his sewing machine business here from Edgerton.
Petition to stop fast train here rejected at this time.
Mrs. Catherine Boon brothers here.
F.A. Patterson window has steam powered action toys.
Trenton rock so-called after the farm oil first discovered in it.
Meeting of stock holders of Gas and Oil Company.
W.O. Hughes will start new brick as soon as weather permits.
William Richards on crutches, sat on rail, fence broke, broken leg.
Obit. Mrs. Catherine Boon.
Obit. Mrs. Mary J. Kelley
Obit. Jacob Spindler
OIL STRUCK! Hicksville well at 1,710 feet
Party for Mr. & Mrs I.S.Miller, leaving to live in Ontario, Cal. December 16,1886
A letter from Pima Maricopa & Papago Agency, Arizona. Dr.T.H. Sabin.
The debate between Rev. Crary and Judge Bowersox, Music Hall, Bryan.
Mrs. Amanda Hartle arrived from California, will reside with daugh.
Ohio's delegation to Congress will have 14 of 21 who "fit" in war.
LATTER DAY SAINTS Doctrines delineated with supporting scripture.
Knisely Brothers of Edgerton have failed.
Supreme Court has sustained the Dow Law.
G.K. Otis changing businesses, selling out clothes.
Room vacated by Richie to be occupied by Hattery of Defiance.
G.F. Knight, so many orders for "mill dogs" running extra hours.
Girl 15 traded chewing gum, died of diptheria, family died.
Ohio farmer has a breed of hogs (improved Chester) Cholera proof.
In every 50th.loaf of bread a check for 4 loaves free.
The gas Co. rented a pump from Defiance. Didn't yield enough.
Thompson Wilson & Forlow rented the Pettit Opera House.
Lutheran Church Christmas Program, parents asked to bring gifts.
A Council Ordinance gives saloons to Jan. 21, 1887 to close.
George W.Richie shipped a car load of Merchandise to Roscoe, Dakota.
The year of 1886 many terrible and sudden deaths. Carpenter falls.
Five Points: Wm. Lotten headquarters for skunk oil, 50 cents.
Defiance: Typewriters all the rage.
Relics in way of canes being made of old Defiance apple tree.
Findlay, gas is 25 cents a month per stove. Churches free.
Defiance Fair Board met at courthouse, lists officers.
Coles Corners: Oyster supper at Benjamin Sowers.
Dist. 3 & 4 schools closed by scarlett fever.

Robert Ingersol willing to bet $1,000 that Cleveland will lose.
Coburntown: School has 34 students.
Shull and Hadsel to build patent tile oven in spring.
St. Joe: Dr. Bowman moves into his new office.
Christmas Service at Lutheran Church followed by oyster supper.
Williams Center: A young man goes to see his girl every nite.
A.R. Hopkins, now of Chicago. Lost 3 children in 11 days,Diphtheria.
Oil well directors re-elected, if pump insuffiecient will "blow"
Dr. Arter meeting excellent success treating cancer.
Reply on oil sample: gravity 36, as Lima oil when first struck.
Defiance: Hicksville has good chance for B&O branch to Ft.Wayne.
On the Ocean: Rev. R.W. Munson on voyage to India.
Ftn.Chapel: Lybargers putting up a frame bldg.for horse power mill.
Defiance: 11 drowning deaths this year.
Privilege of voting for local option denied by Council.
First teams over Maumee bridge.
Next week a party composed of the following leave for California.
December 30,1886
New York Home Journal, Mrs. Hicks-Lord "at home" Detailed.
A letter from Rev.Munson at Liverpool. a full column.
Al Harris fireman at Kerr Bros mill, scalded.
Mrs. A.J. Hartle sends news to daughters Ida and Sylvia.
Butler G.A.R. bought a black bear and served a bear supper.
Frame building erected in Paulding for a bank.
It is said B&O double track will be completed Chicago to Garrett.
Man arrested for "poaching" on Judge Latty's land. (English.)
Joseph Hilliard of Bryan to supervise building of W.O.Hughes bldg.
Geo.K. Otis and H.H. Ackley go to Kansas to engage in real estate.
Cost $110.00 to "shoot" the well.
Obit. Mrs. Harriett Correll.
Election of officers at Disciple Sunday school. Listed.
Oil well blowing description.
Williams Center: Everybody's Christmas tree at M.E. Church.
Defiance: Machine works crowded with orders, 12 hour days.
New fire engine beautiful, failed two trials.
Council voted 5 to 3 to submit question of prohibition to voters.
Maumee bridge matter: company accepting $500. less than contract.
Only 12 of old saloonists of the 60 have paid their Dow Tax.
Hicksville School report. lists all classes, and those not tardy.
Defiance: Two "gallon" liquor stores in town. Anarchy.
Thermometers say 22 below.regardless of cost.
Obit. Charles Barney. Life story.
Bryan: more destitute families than for years.
Members of Farmer Mutual Fire Protection,meet elected officers.(list)(microfilm.)
Jan. 1887
Horrible Accident, B&O near Republic, Ohio. Tiffin.
First marriage and now the first birth in the Whitehouse.
Dog taught to chew tobacco, leads to degredation of well bred dog.
George Makin, circus performer dead of consumption.
Farmer: Large Christmas party at home of Mrs. Armina Allen.
Dance at Allen's Hall. 45 couples.
Defiance: Burgland & Sheed has orders for 10 carloads of pails.

Coburntown: Wash Hart delivering brick for Hughes building.
Betsy Coburn death Dec. 22, 1886.
Farmer District School report.
Corn being hauled to Wms. Co. where crop short, from Paulding Co.
Ohio River being stocked with black bass.
M.Rice of Defiance purchases Ehrhart Block.
Wet wedding near Archbold, one guest dead on arrival home.
Letter from A.L.Ridenouer of La Junta, Colorado. (microfilm).
Hicksville elevator record shipments.
Fort Wayne: Sleigh hit by train, three ladies killed.
News Jan. 13, 1887
Henry Landon, pioneer dies.
Christmas at the children's home.
Ney excited over prospects of railroad.
Six Corners: Amos Forlow barn improved, a model for township.
Williams Center: Sleighing is great. Wooden wedding party.
Defiance Express: Two Gallon Liquor Stores.
Obit: Charles Barney, printed life story.
Farmer's Mutual Fire Protection organization elects.
News Jan. 20, 1887
G.A.R.Post, it's organization and work, 1 and 1/2 Colm.
Soldier's monument contract let.
Coles Corners: Obit. Martin Souers, died Jan 17.
Defiance: Talk of new Opera House, Maumee bridge W.of State bridge.
Obit: Isaac Moore died at 65, strangulated hernia.
Gillingham & Rose,lease Crowel & Arnold factory,Bryan Street.
Election of officers at Farmer's & Merchant's Bank. list.
Bryan Democrat: A.L. Spangler gave mamoth sleigh ride.
Alex Bevington Auctioneer.as a talker can't be beat.
News Jan. 27, 1887
List of G.A.R.members.One column (microfilm).
Hicksville Anarchism, "Bastards of Commerce". Liquor.
No Defiance vote on Prohibition.
Mrs. Hicks-Lord's Thursdays in December. in detail.
Letter from William Bender of Janesville, Iowa, (microfilm)
Paulding furnace south of Cecil will run in Spring.
Rep. Geyer introduces bill to abandon part of Wabash & Erie canal.
Mrs. Mary Wolf of Mark Twp. death.
Obit: Loouis Michael, Jan. 25,1887
Standard Sewing Machines demonstrated.
Bryan: Reps.of new R.R. want$100,000 & right of way from Cecil.
B&O asks that a temperance pledge be signed, or be fired.
News Feb. 3, 1887
Mrs. Hicks-Lord "At Home" detailed.Also Charity Ball.
Fountain Chapel Corners: Canal feeder blow up, Chicago ruffians.
Discussion of need to drain the reservoir.
Williams Center: Dow law has no effect on this village.
Projected foot bridge across Maumee at Defiance, $100,000.
Hall's Corners: Marriage of Irving C.Hall and Miss Anna Frease.
Edgerton Observer: F.M.Light to Carrie E. Miller, marriage.
Forest & Stream to publish Audubon magazine.
Defiance Call: Two ladies from Hicksville entertaining here.

Enrolment of Def.Normal College 1st term 100, winter 90.
Articles on Mrs. Hicks-Lord printed as she widow of H.Hicks,founder
Obit: James Morgan, died Jan.29th.
News Feb. 10, 1887
Briefs from North West, letters to and from editors. microfilm
Bryan Democrat: grave of "Old Bill" north east of Bryan.
How to be a "Nobody".
Special Legislation: article on "bridge act" false alarm.
County debt so high,Defiance papers should warn citizens.
Young People's Library Society, fund raiser.
Liquor by the glass at local saloons, defying Gallon Law.
Obit: Elizabeth Rex, died Feb. 2, 1887
Obit: Barzellia Osmun, died Feb. 3, 1887.
News Feb. 17, 1887
Objectionable literature, "The Novel" one column.
Farmer:Prof.A.L.Biglow will work for Farmer Insurance Co.
Antwerp boycotts the Toledo Bee and Defiance Grocery.\
Mail couldn't be carried Farmer to Hicksville, Lost Creek high.
Cemetery Assoc. purchased two acres.
Chicago Creamery Assoc. to organize a local association.
Bryan: Belcher #1 should be name of the new gas well.
Washing Machine Swindle.
Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton interviews applicant.
The Dow Law. the Legislative background.
Public wants Bryan Stree un blocked.
Hicksville should repeal prohibition, Dow "Gallon" Law unenforced.
Debate: Resolved that woman should have the right of suffrage.
another: Intemperance caused more suffering than the sword.
Defiance: proposed boarding hall at Defiance Normal.
Mrs.J.F.Haller birthday party. 1/2 column. microfilm.
Bryan: oil ceases to flow, outsiders purchasing options.
Defiance: was mistake not to have drilled old well deeper.
Local Law & Order League formed in Hicksville,existing evils.
Bank statement of Farmer's & Merchant's Bank.
Cecil: George W. Sowers purchased furnace property. tearing down.
Governor Foraker,requested to send State troops to guard stink pond
R.R.Robbers arrested! Line Columbus to Pittsburgh, employees.
Hicksville boys drowned in San Francisco Bay.
Land boom in Bowling Green, local investors profit.
Otis building converted to horse barn by Seevers & Young.Breeding.
Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin played to a $128.00 house Tues. eve.
J.H.Smith's home made wagons, and buggies.
First cablegram sent form Hicksville by Kerr Bros. to France.
Aldine Hotel leased, Mrs. Huber reserves an upstairs room.
Lecture"undomesticated children".
School board listed.
Former residents profiting in California lands.
Serious wreck on B&O here Thursday.
G.K.Otis &H.H.Ackely prospecting Independence, Missouri.
Obit: John H. Emlin Mote, died Feb. 19, 1887.
Byan: excited about oil, many strangers in town. Leases.
Letter to Editor: on Kansas City, Kansas opportunities.

March 3, 1887.
A tour of the new extensive factory of Kerr Bros. & Co.descriptive.
History of the company.
Railroad expansions.
Democratic Caucus.
April 7, 1887
More morning walks in Hicksville.
Letter from Wilbur H. Bender, Spencer, Iowa. Three years change.
Trial of persons accused of Rev. Haddock murder.
The Special Artist of the Argus illustrates the canal.
April 5, 1887
The introduction of female suffrage in Kansas effect on election.
Lady clerks give as good or better satisfaction as men.
Stock holders of Hicksville Oil Co. meet, some want receiver.
L.E. Griffin makes own Russian (steam)bath, problems.
Cattle theives, new twist.
April 14, 1887
Walks in Hicksville, Antwerp Pike.
Fountain Chapel: Don't go west, come blow up Paulding County.
Petty theiving: Ham stollen from smoke house.
April 21, 1887
Sad news, drowning accident San Francisco Bay.
List of Hicksville School students by class. microfilm.
Ainsworth Boon & Bevington store alterations.
April 28, 1887
Blown out! Governor sends troops.War in Ohio at Last!
Iron Trade Review: 182 natural gas and oil Cos. inc.in Ohio.
Murder in Latty! second in the year. Eli Andrews clubbed to death.
A.P Edgerton benefiting from land boom in Bryan.
May 5, 1887
Barn raising at Moore's Station youth injured critically.
Funeral of Fred Reeves, soldier killed accidentally at Cecil
A.B & Bevington purchase land for hitching yard.
Solon Daniels buys lot near Bevington home for residence.
Hon. A.P. Edgerton sold the Fair Grounds, to local leaders.
May 12, 1887
Morning walks around Hicksville. Spencerville road.
State troops called home, all quiet at reservoir.
Mud in Hicksville streets, letter to editor.
Top story of Krotz Opera Block rebuilt.
Wertheimer-Krotz Winterstin case to go to the Supreme Court.
May 19, 1887
Morning walks about Hicksville, house cleaning signs.
Letter from Delta Colorado, Miss Lou Hilbert, descriptive.
Hicksville Cornet Band members.
Johnny Stair, age 12 fell onto a buzz saw at Def. Stave Factory.
Joseph Slagle,age 25 1st day at work lost right hand in planer.
June 2, 1887
Fifth annual commencement of Hicksville High School, program.
June 9, 1887
Article critical of Real Estate Agents.
Dakota Dick's Diary   microfilm

June 16, 1887
Buffmire reunion at H. Mason's.
Argus: latest blow out at reservoir, Gov. Foraker called.
W.J.Kleckner has new delivery wagon, as before; dog power.
Local company formed to develop coal and timber in Kentucky.
June 23, 1887
Reservoir news: temporary dam blown.Guards former dynamiters.
Old Wabash & Erie Canal lands sold to Nickle Plate for $15,000.
Dr. Rakestraw furnishes list of heads of families here in 1848.
June 30, 1887
Saloons closed. David Wertz leaves town under warrant for arrest.
Esther Lyons, rents Pettit Opera House for 6 nights of Fair.
Meeting of Maumee Valley Pioneer Association at Fort Meigs.
Mill Creek to be under High and Antwerp Drive.
Sherwood: East side of business district burns.
July 14, 1887
Our prominent citizens,Wirledge & Wertz. full column. microfilm.
50,000 young eels put in the Mercer County reservoir.
All oil wells to be shut down in Ohio fields for nine months.
The free fuel pipe line is in working order in Fostoria.
Two hacks run daily Farmer to Bryan.
Not small is the amount of beer shipped in for private use.
July 28, 1887
The Hicksville Ghost.
Wreck on B&O at the flag station at York, 4 mi. west of Albion.
Local Republicans protest C.A.Flickinger as member of Bd.Pub.Wrks.
Defiance: We have not time or disposition to answer flings in press.
Death: Thomas Carey, age 85.
Defiance Bee: Residence of Charles Krotz sold by Sheriff.
Protest of $ 5.00 fee for use of the Fair Ground.
Sanitary: Out houses, deadly effect of them. A soloution.
Aug. 11,1887
Democratic Convention 1+ column. microfilm
Milford: H.Roberts nearing completion of home,after seven years work
Wells of Hicksville going dry. Result of closing saloons?
Buggy ride out Fort Wayne Road, naming farm owners.
Old Settlers to meet in Latty's grove.
Paulding: Evangelist Updike after attacking saloons, had tent burned
David Wertz Country Saloon entered,lists items stolen.
Aug. 18, 1887
Report of Minot, Dakota Old Settlers Meeting. microfilm
Woods and marsh east of town burning, much timber destroyed.
Women of Salvation Army have a heart tattoo.
Defiance College: $10.00 per term of ten weeks. microfilm lists.
Wash Grice and Miss Meda Swann married.
Aug. 25 1887
The 111th. O.V.I. chose Hicksville for it's annual reunion.
Rev. I.W.Lowman on faith cure in Auburn. Christian Science.
Obit: Artimissa CArolin Slade, Paulding Co. since 1838
Obit: Mrs. Hugh Nelson, (Lucinda Davis) born 1832.
Death again visits home of J. Schlatter, third child lost in 5 mo.
Seven cent loaves dropped back to five cents, loosing money.

Obit: A. Summers, born 1812, mayor in 1880.
Sept. 1, 1887
Dedication of memorials at Gettysburg. Excoursions on B&O.
Excoursions to Centennial of Constitution.
Edwin Southers Dramatic Co. at Pettit Opera House."Passions & Slave"
The Old Settlers want women to card wool,spin flax twist yarn etc.
Sept 8, 1887
Death of another old settler: George Clemmer, Sep. 6. His story.
Mrs. A.J.Hartle to Los Angeles to remain two years.
Obit: George Norrick.
Sept. 15, 1887
Pioneers 12th annual meeting.
Second annual reunion of NEWS family of correspondents. List.
Farmer: The New Salem U.B. Church one mile east dedicated,debt free
Pettit Opera House leased by company of Hicksville men. Listed.
Sept. 22. 1887
Report of the Fair.
Rumors of engagement of local girl and actor with Edwin Southers.Co.
School growth by 60, to 613.
Sep. 29, 1887
Poem by Wentworth about a stranger at Hicksville Fair.
Jury in Scott McCoy murder case; verdict guilty of manslaughter.
Log cabin that burned was birth place of Solomon Ferry.
Hicksville, a good town etc.grown too fast sanitary measures.
Portland, Ind. A.P. Edgerton mentioned for Vice. President
33 members of U.B.Church expelled.
Thirteen business buildings in Payne burn.
Habit of morphene worse than the liquor problem.
David Wertz saloon burned, only remaining log cabin with it.
Aberdeen Dakota, 4th annual Fair, progress in seven yrs. microfilm
Numerous swindles.
N.Crary on questioning Gov. Foraker.
Gamblers at the Hicksville Fair, arrested, jailed.
Hon. Benj. Patton preparing biographical sketch of Edward M. Stanton
Daughter Gertrude at home of C.H.Connel, Las Angeles.(Madge Hartle)
Lloyd Melville Bingham & Miss Amelia A. Swilley married.To N.Y.
Obit. Nancy R. Palmer died Sept 29.
Obit: Mrs. Harriett S. Brown Died Oct 1.
Ainsworth Boon Bevington store robbed.
Fair Board can pay all obligations and pay on debt.
Oct. 13. 1887
The 111th O.V.I. reunion a happy and enjoyable occasion. detail.
The second annual reunion of Hart family, Whitley Co. Ind. Lists.
Notice: Stave factory (Randolf) to be sold. description.
Exhibition and lecture, M.E. Church, war scenes from photographs.
Is a Republican a Prohibitionist? 3 columns. microfilm.
Straus & Hecht robbed.
Never a man found guilty of murder in old Paulding Court House.
Notorious reservoir is dry, green grass, frogs to Def. to vote Crowe
Crop and stock report of Ohio Board of Agriculture. microfilm
At last Bryan Street opened to Edgerton Street.
Home Library Association of Chicago solliciting members locally.

Oct. 27, 1887
A Republican May be a Prohibiitonist microfilm
Cigarette mfrs. attract small boys w cards w half naked women.
Nov. 3 1887
Rev. Crary, T.T.Armstrong as a Prohibitionist? microfilm.
Belling in Crane Township, a rude custom, a disgrace.
Another murder in Paulding County. Shooting at Broughton.
Halloween righteously observed in Hicksville. adults.
Nov. 10, 1887
Attention soldiers: by George Palmer.
The site of Old Fort Wayne now enclosed by fence.
Black Diphtheria Porter Co. Ind.
Typhoid and Typhoid Malaria in Montpelier.
Delta Atlas: Many farmers having corn threshed this year.
Money Sharks discouraging improvements, worst threat to a town.
Squire Kerrs Court:Employer failed to pay girl for month's work.
Markets:
Nov. 17, 1887
Alaska Free Press: Describes land, natives customs, beautiful.
200 barrels of whisky may be raised from wreck in Lake Erie.
St. Joe News: Cure for cow not giving milk. (hollow tail cure)
Extreem dry spell: Farmers out of water, disease likely.
Six Corners: Cemetery being cleaned up. History of cemetery.
Bear Swamp muck destroyed by fire.
Second purchaser for Randolph Stave Factory, hope to run.
Dixon Edgerton in town. Travels for Law Publisher of N.Y. City.
Farmer's Institute proposed by Fair Board.
Sanitary Policeman Hill finds 400 places determined nuisance.
Blue Front Clothing Store, Strauss and Heckt with paint.
The Curio and illustrated monthly a gift of Mrs. Hicks-Lord.
Chester Blodgett and Miss Ida Nelson wed. Nov. 20.
Publisher of inside pages shorted us 100 pages.
Rev. Crary and the snake. a column by T.T.Armstrong. microfilm.
Dec. 1 1887
Nov. Curio describes the art collection of Mrs. Hicks-Lord.
Farmer: 56 couples at dance at Mote's Hall Chrismas, also Allen's.
It is coming: a full column on weather and it's effect on people.
Hon M.M. Boothman left Bryan for Washington as Congressman.
Boil your water, best preventative for Cholera.
St. Joe News: To drill for oil or build a gristmill?
Collision of East bound freight in Hicksville.
Iron work for Clarksville and Arrowsmith bridges let.
Merchant's Hotel being repaired after Wertz fire.
Plaint of the grocery man.
Obit: Daniel Huffman
Dec. 8 1887
West End: Webster Mill burns, incendiary.
Swilley House builds brick neccessary.
Defiance Paper Mill nearly consumed by fire.
Farmer's Institute a failure at Defiance.
Death of George Countryman Dec. 1.
Barton Smith Camp of Sons of Veterans elected officers: listed.

Fair Society meeting: officers listed.
Dec. 15, 1887
The Trouble Has Begun: both houses of Congress organized.
B&O R.R. indebtedness: $ 29,678,808.
Large Hog Story: weighed 600 pounds dressed.
J.M. Ainsworth heading struggle for a good Farmer's Institute.
Will Hicksville purchase Fair Grounds for a park?
Dec. 29, 1887
Invention of Spinning Jenny explained.
A.P. Edgerton indgnant at treatment of Civil Service lady employee.
A letter from Dakota Territory. microfilm.
Bryan has struck a gusher.
Edgerton Observer office heated by gas.
The grocery of the future:

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Front page ads.

Anton Webber Boot & Shoe Opposite U.B. Church
Grice and Snyder Meats Opposite Stull's Store
Homer & Bowker Livery & Feed Opposite Union House
Moore and Tannehill Dentists Over Pettit's Drug Store
Dr. D.S. Babbit Phys. & Surgeon back of Pettit's & O'Daffer's
S. Blodgett Undertaker
Thompson & Griffin Attys.
W.A. Rex Staple & Fancy Groceries Near Commercial Hall
H.V. Van Fleet Grand Opening Central Block 2nd. door
Pettit and Odaffer's Drug Store
C.W. Shamo Star Bakery
Gorrell and Bloomfield Groceries Krotz Block
J.E. Coburn Queen's ware, dresses
and Groceries Central Block
D.J. Huffman Justice of Peace
Life and Fire Ins.Land Agent Office w Dr.Rakestraw, Main
W.H. Richards M.D. Phys.& Surg. Office West of Edgerton Res.
Res.opposite Presbyterian Chur. John Thompson City Barber Above Bowker's Livery
James E. Coulter Atty. at Law Office on Main near High

Hicksville Bank E.D. Otis Cashier
Thompson & Griffin Real Estate
Wort & Neer Fancy Barbers 2nd. door south of Post Office
Blodgett's furniture Store
Lewis & Hersch Clothing, Groceries High next to Commercial Block

The charters of all the National Banks expire by limitation in 20 years after their issuance. The first banks were chartered in 1863 thus the earliest expiration is July 1, 1883.

transfer: Benj Patton to John C. Clay, D.J.Crowell & THB Correll, 320 acres in Hicksville, $8,000.
Ainsworth Boon and Bevington part of lot 8 to Village. $1.00

I.A. Gingery has a new feature in his store, a cash stand.

C.W. Krotz new hall was dedicated last evening, the Whitney Family entertained. The hall is excellent, good enough for years to come.
Supplied with 400 chairs.

Markets in N.York: Beaves $7.50 to $12.50, Lard .11,Hogs 5.75-6.50
Cotton .12; Flour $4.10 5.00; Wheat #2 Spring $1.36; #2 red $1.42; Corn. .67; oats .48.
Chicago: Beaves choice $5.75 to $6.50; Hogs $4.50 to 6.60; Flour fancy $7.50; Corn #2 .61; Oats #2 .44;Butter l35; eggs .23. Hicksville: Wheat $1.25; Corn .50; washed wool .32 to 36;Oats .40; Beans $3.65 per bu.; eggs .22; butter .18; feathers .40; hams .10; shoulder .08; potatoes $1.20; live chicken .04; Dressed Pork $5.75 a hundred; Live Hogs $5.00; Beef on foot $2.00 to $3.50.

Charles G. Shepard & Miss Fannie J. Hoffman married by Rev. S.S. Hyde.

J. W. Hartle of Ravenna, Ohio visiting friends here.
A bill introduced in the Legislature to limit attys. fee to $25.00 in pension matters
THE DIRGE.

With this issue of the News we drop our pencil and lay our shears carefully away. Take a last look, drop a few scalding tears in the paste pot. Our editorial experience has been a pleasant one and profitable. We leave the News in a prosperous condition, It will continue so as the the new proprietors are honest, industrious and well qualified. Both learned their trade in this office, and will continue the course.

Adieu, we step "down and out" shake. Thomas A. Starr.

We bow our low, jerk our coats, if honest efforts will win we intend to succeed. By our fruit you shall know us.

M.V. Starr and Thad Dowell.

Fourteen head of cattle have been stolen in Mark Twp.
Last Thursday Jack Wonderly, John Wonderly and George Sewell were detected. That A.M. these parties drove to Williams Center and sold to James Fisher 5 head for $65.00. The Wonderly boys had given their names as Blackburn, Sewell as Eaton. Eugene Blair saw them driving the cattle and recognized them as belonging to Harvey Hulbert. Arrested Monday it seems that Jack Wonderly age 21, stole the cattle and hired Sewell aged 17; and John Wonderly aged 13; to drive them. Their bonds $1,000 for Jack, John $500 and Sewell $1,000.
Jack Wonderly had killed his father a few years ago, was sent to the Penitentiary, but pardoned two years ago.
He also stole the cattle of Albert Coy.

News Jan. 12,1882
Mr. H.M. Walt & Miss Carrie Wolford wed.
Also Mr. George Beerbower & Miss Ida Wolford. Mr. and Mrs. Walt are to leave for Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Beerbower to remain here.

Mrs. Hicks-Lord has recently completed the purchase of a house and lot at 12 West Fourteenth Street of the estate of Henry Lawrence for $70,000. Excepting her own house which it adjoins this is the last private residence left on the South side of 14th. Five large lots, will rent for $30, to $40 thousand.

The latest novelty, a dress album. A piece of every new dress is carefully cut and gummed on one side of the leaf and the date attached, thus forming a complete history of a lady's costume from season to season.

News Jan. 19, 1882 Thomas Starr and Thad Dowell, Editors.

A petition from the citizens of Chicago to Congress for a ship canal similar to the Welland Canal, commencing at a suitable point at the south end of Lake Michigan and terminating at Toledo, Ohio. The canal would shorten the distance Chicago to Buffalo by 500 miles, as well as avoiding the tedious and dangerous route of the Saint Claire flats and the Detroit river.
The School Book Question. Even at an early stage of the proceedings has already been sprung on an unsuspecting Legislature. Last week a bill was introduced in the House to provide for the furnishing of text books to the schools of the State. Provisions of the bill are the same as those of the Patton bill which was adjourned and killed before final adjournment. The bill provides for the creation of a State Board of Commissioners to have charge of furnishing school books by means of the contract system.

Senator Myers introduced a resolution in the Ohio Senate making smallpox vaccination compulsory.

The infamous bill presented by the lying Dr. Bliss for his attendance on President Garfield. One paper suggests that he should charter a freight train to deliver it. A compromise has been reached where he will be paid half the balance over five years.

Dr. Mary Walker protests the hanging of Guiteau, assassin of President Garfield. an intolerable woman.

Only nine survivors of the war of 1812 in New York City, while pensioned widows of the heroes number 26,000 in the United States. Many veterans married young wives in their old age.

Hell Gate channel to be lighted.

The Washington monument has reached 250 feet, enough money remains to go to 265 feet.
Columbus Ohio laid out in 1812, incorporated in 1816, made a City March 3rd. 1834.

Chicago has 50,000 girls working at various trades for average wages of $ 2.00 per week.
he 19th. of June marks the Centennial day of the tragic event of the burning of Col. Crawford at the stake at the site of Delaware town on the Tymochtee near Upper Sandusky, Wyandotte, Co. .

West End: Mrs. Peter Countryman has gone to Wooster this week to seek medical advice.
Married by Rev. David Cover Jan.7, Andrew Squires and Miss Emma Gesner.
Williams Center: More snow needed, property for sale in town too numerous to mention. We want a R.R., factories, machine shops, a flouring mill, about 5,000 more inhabitants and numerous other things. Then Hicksville watch out.

The insurrection that has broke out in Bosnia and Herzegovina is similar in it's incipiency to that of 1875 which led to the war between Turkey and Russia.
W.S. Tomlinson and James Crary expect to put in a mile of drain tile this spring.
Milford Township School Trouble: Taught by G.W. Hootman.
Ira Hendershot lighted a match, the teacher attracted by the smell and sight of smoke arising from the young man's desk told him to take a seat in front where he would not annoy anyone, he did so. Then two small boys disputed over a slate pencil, young Hendershot came behind the teacher and ordered the teacher to leave them alone and called on a Hammond boy to come on. At this the teacher picked up a stick of wood and ordered Hendershot to take his seat where he had placed him, instead Hendershot took a seat in the back of the room. Given two minutes to take his former seat, when he did not, the teacher took hold of him and began to move him forward. Hendershot resisted by holding on to seats and the teacher's legs. In extracting himself the teacher pulled out of his boots, Hendershot called for a knife from one of the boys, opened the knife. The teacher told him if he could not obey the rules of the school he would be expelled. Hendershot then took his books and walked out open knife in hand. Later Mr. Hootman was arrested on a charge of assault and battery preferred by young Hendershot. The case will be tried Friday before J.P. of Milford Township.

Mrs. Johnson has sold her home to U.D.Cleveland to be used as a blacksmith shop.

Six Corners: Casper Ginter who had his arm broken is getting along well now. His son Casper Jr. is helping care for Frank Sinn whose mind is somewhat deranged.
Andrew Hilbert hauled tile last year and laid them in the ground on rented land for the benefit of one year and is doing the same this year and says it pays him well. Brother farmers can you see?
Forlow says a few days of good traveling will clear his yard of tile. This company is going to put in more machinery in the spring to enlarge their capacity to make tile.

Fort Wayne Daily News verifies:
The N.Y.C. to St. Louis R.R. is to be built between Detroit and Indianapolis via Ft. Wayne.

Almost an air line northeast and south-west. Fayette to the north, where the Canada Southern will connect out of Detroit, designed to extend to Chicago, now to go to Bryan to connect with the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern then on to Hicksville to connect with the B.& O. From Hicksville on through Cedar Creek Township to the dam at the end of the canal feeder, six miles north of Ft.Wayne. Here a long bridge will be thrown across the St. Joe river and the canal feeder will be followed to the exchange bridge, where the canal (now abandoned) and the main line of the N.Y.C. and St. Louis R.R. are met with.

Married in St. Louis Michigan Presbyterian parsonage by Rev. L.D. Wells, Feb. 24,1880; I.M. Potter of Lincoln and Isabella County and Addie Maxwell of Hicksville. A secret well kept, not known till Mr. Potter came to take his wife to the home he had prepared for her at M.t Pleasant. Congratulations.

Scipio: Benj. Sowers has purchased the Wentworth property. $2.600.
The singing schools in this township are in a prospering condition under the instruction of an efficient corps of teachers.
Mrs. B.F. Rose at North School.
The institute at Maysville promises to be a success, Prof. Yocum and Col. Robertson of Ft. Wayne will be there.

NEWS CHANGES HANDS!

Thomas Starr retired from the News, having purchased the Goshen News. The Hicksville News will be conducted by M.V. Starr and Thad G. Dowell a young man who learned his trade in the News office.

House and lot for sale in Milford Township near the Logan store second door east of the Universal Church. Consists of 10 and 34/100 acres, large house, two cisterns, stable and fruit.
M. Gingery

Jack Wonderly and George Sewell plead guilty to stealing cattle. The small Wonderly boy was discharged. Sentences not pronounced, probably 7 years for Wonderly, Sewell 4 years.

Mica windows in stoves may be easily cleaned with weak vinegar.
John Pinkerton's bird dog dead. Poison.
Solomon Hilbert of Bloomville here this week.
Don't forget the "More Allis Merrymakers" at Krotz Hall this week.

Rev. Huffman had a fine horse and buggy stolen, left the most recently stolen horse behind. Went toward Leipsic, at 30 miles abandoned the buggy, rode the horse till it gave out then walked and led it to Leipsic. The buggy recovered. A boy of 18, the horse a fine dark bay with a white star.

News Jan. 26, 1882.

An attempt to spread small pox through the mails. Two scabs enclosed with a note"I have just sent you smallpox, go home and die".

Mr. Money of Miss. introduced a bill in Congress providing for a Postal Savings Bank system, interest 2%.

Senator Brigham Mastin of the Ohio State Grange introduced a bill in the Ohio Legislature to regulate freight and passenger traffic. The object is not to cripple the R.R. Cos. or interfere with the rights of those who have invested money. But to give the State supervision of their management as will protect every citizen of their equal rights.

Wilseyville: Miss Emma Ringer is progressing fine with the school in district # 4, a good teacher.

Logan: A. Gingery has contracted his staves to a firm in Auburn.

Choice improved lands, adjoining the town of Hicksville.
One acre to 5 acres at fair prices on good terms. Includes some of the best lands on the Specerville road. A.P. Edgerton

Daniel Hilbert sold a 550 pound hog beating Wm. Haller's which was 510 pound. Jonas Miller the same day sold a 520. All sold to Foote and Norway.

A Persian genius has devised a way to make horses step high. Magnifying spectacles making sticks and pebbles appear enormously magnified. The horses throw their feet up tremendously to avoid imaginary obstacles.

We are sorry to announce the resignation of Rev. James Quick pastor of the Presbyterian Church. He will fill his appointment at Lost Creek till March when he goes to Pemberville.

At the residence of George T. Hughes near Farmer, Mr. W.O. Hughes and Miss Mary E. Hilliard were wed. Rev W.W. Lance of Bryan.

Sixteen cities in Ohio with a population over 10,000.

Washington Terr. wants to become a State. A bill introduced.

The Foreign Emigration Alliance will send no more jews to U.S.

More German emigrants expected this year than last.

Cost of supporting criminal & indigent class, $20,000,000.

4,000 barrels. of petroleum was too much for the world 25 years ago, now using at the rate of 50,000 barrels. per day.

George Walsh the boy who first flew a kite over Niagra to carry the first light twine with which to draw the first wire, received $5.00.

Senator Pond introduced a bill to tax the liquor traffic in Ohio. The tax from $100 to $300. according to the size of town.

The oldest bank in the U.S., the Bank of North America in Philadelphia began active operation January 7, 1782.

News Feb. 2, 1882

Exported from New Orleans, 6,000,000 gallons of "Pure Olive Oil" manufactured from cotton seed. Shipped to the Mediterranean.

Stanley the explorer has not been heard from in two years.

Wilseyville Items:

Miss Nellie Wilsey has returned from Bloomfield.

Entertainment at Allen's Block Farmer - Mrs. Mary Lord Bacon of Pottsdam, New York.

N. Forlow who is stopping in Southern Colorado, visited relatives here.

James E. Coulter has moved his law office from over Hersch Brother's Grocery to the Central Block.

G.C. Manning says horse shoeing is brisk In 17 days he has put on 782 horse shoes, an average of 46 shoes a day.

A Connecticut farmer eats watermelon every day. He varnished and sealed the stems of 350, they were just as nice as when picked.

Frank Dalrymple moved his drug store to his new room in Central Block.

A sporting club formed; The Bully Twelve. They shoot at glass balls tossed up or clay birds to improve their skill at shooting on the wing.

Marriage licenses:

Dave Landis and Emma Warner; Andrew Squires and Emma Gessiner; William O. Hughes and Mary E. Hilliard.

A guess at the future, lumber will be made of straw tightly pressed, would take a fine finish. Anyone who thinks up a way to make sawdust useful as fuel or lumber will make a fortune.

Our Country was never more truly respected by Europe than when John Adams lived modestly on the outskirts of Petersburg enjoying the personal friendship of the Czar; and when Ben Franklin drew the giddy Parisian to Pasey where he lived like a plain America citizen. Charles Francis Adams upheld the honor of our country at a critical time when in the richest capitol of the world.

A disagreeable man is one whose idea of fun differs from yours.

E.D. Otis has nicely painted curtains put on windows of bank.

If 10 persons will attend the opening of Krotz Opera House in Defiance Saturday evening, they can get excursion rates and the fast line will stop here so they can return the same evening. A good chance to see a fine play and see the new Opera House.

The railroad car that carried President Lincoln's body has been degraded and half dismantled, does duty as an observation car on the Colorado Central Railroad.

John W. Winn, teaching Brunersburg School will go into law business.

A milk skimming machine, 6,000 rpm. no longer must wait for the cream to rise.

Robert Strong will adjust the rope around Guiteau's neck.

Garfield, a Presbyterian minister, was President of Hiram College when nominated for State Senator, prior to his election as President of U.S.

Congress will likely act on the metric system, all sorts of petitions fighting enforcement.

New steamers to reduce sea passage to six days. Annihilating time and space whithout regard to cost. Liverpool to N.Y. from nine days to six.

Ohio leads all the other states in fleeces and pounds of wool. 25,000,000 pounds. Greatest average weight of fleece 6 1/2 .

R.F. Kerr moving into new residence.

James Maxwell sold farm to Eph. Saur. $6,400, 160 acres.

Thomas Starr has purchased the Goshen Independent.

News Feb. 9, 1882

Williams Center:

Mr. Irving Pool and Miss Sadie Gabriel wed.

Still room for progress but present conditions compared to those of 50 or even 20 years ago, the advancement seems marvelous. Within the memory of men not yet old grain would bear transport of not more than 20 miles, now may be profitably sent across the continent even to foreign markets. Such vast new areas of settlement and cultivation have been opened that there is practically no limit to grain that can be produced.

Thompson & Griffin have added 120 volumes to their law library.

H.M. Lybarger received two thoroughbred short horn calves from Licking County. We are glad to note the arrival of such stock.

Krotz Opera House in Defiance will be dedicated on the 18th. with "One Hundred Wives" tickets 75 cents, $1.00, and $1.50.

News Feb. 16, 1882

Barnum the showman's elephant Queen, has a baby, weighs 145 pounds. Valued at $300,000, insured; premium $52,000.

Chief of the Cherokees not a painted savage but a polished educated gentleman. Dressed in black broadcloth with faultless linen from which sparkled a brilliant emerald.

Senator Wilson of Franklin- Pickering district, introduced a bill to widen and deepen the canals, to the capacity of Erie canal.

Minnie Madden and Grace Crary, Illinois girls 18 & 19 are making a tour of the west on bicycles. All for experience. A buggy and a servant accompanies them to carry their baggage.

Leaked that the Guiteau jury spent their time playing 7 up. It took ten days to teach Wormly the game but he ended up with notes of two thirds of the jury payable when the Government settles.

Are you doing anything to advance Hicksville? To advance it financially, physically, morally or intellectually. You live in or near town and it's growth enhances the value of your property. Therefore hold it up and say a good word for it on all occasions. Encourage new enterprize with speech and purse.

Wilseyville:

Lizzie Ridenour is visiting ill Sister Mrs. Bosly, Harrison Co.

Williams Center:

Mrs. E. Lane & daughter Rhoda, visiting the week in Bryan.

Local:

S.A. Maxwell bought an interest in the handle factory of Gabe Fish. Extensive additions to be made. Manufacturer of mouldings, window sash, door frames etc. Aso a lumber yard.
Mr. Fish now in Michigan buying lumber.

News Feb. 23, 1882

The first convention on forestry for culturing timber. Here in northern Ohio where our natural forests cover a large percent of the land, conservation may seem unneccesary. But eventually people will recognize the fact that the forests temper our climate, aid in precipitating rain and give home to the birds who make agriculture successful by devouring insect pests.

The Hicksville Fair Society adopts new constitution and bylaws,and elected S.S. Moore as Secretary whose office is over Petitt and Odaffer's drug store. We claim in a great measure to be representative of farmers, we need the cooperation of all.

A. P. Edgerton to be proposed for Governor of Indiana. He was a candidate for Leut. Governor in 1868. He made some of the most effective and telling speeches of that memorable campaign. A gentleman of ability and integrity and his democracy never in question.

Wilseyville:

Died Feb. 15, Mr. Joseph Hosack aged 75, Rev. Quick.

The mill properties of Britton Kerr and Co. are in the hands of a receiver and to be sold.

T.W. Kerr has bought the saw mill of Davis & Rose near the state line and will move it to Hicksville. They will manufacture barrel hoops from elm lumber which they expect to process on a large scale.
Machinery for the manufacture of coiled barrel hoops as well as other goods to be made of elm to be added. They expect to find markets for the cheaper grades of timber found here in abundance, such as elm, sycamore etc.

The Marvin property on High St. was sold to F.M. Thompson who sold the lot to E.D. Otis, the building to THB Correll who will remove it on to his lot opposite Commercial Hall and fit it up for a grocery for Correll and Bloomfield.

Wire fences are popular but should have a board on top to protect cattle as is done in the west.

News March 2, 1882

Temperance convention in the Diciple Church. WCTU, 1/2 column.

Blain elegy to Pres. Garfield in this issue complete.

Last week Isaac Bales employed by W.O. Hughes & Co. made 24 wash boilers in 9 hours. Best tinsmith in this neck of the woods.

The largest elevator in the world is being built at Weehawken, N.J. near where Aaron Burr and A.Hamilton duel was fought.

Plans for the soldier's monument by David S.Memmer, foreman of Webber's shops.
Mr. Petitt bought out Odaffer.

Mrs. John Casebeer of Defiance has plans and specifications to erect a brick building on her lot now occupied by Mrs. Simpson's residence. It will be a two story with three business rooms on the first floor. Jake Dowell will build it starting June first. The building to occupy the north east corner of High and Main.

Lord Beaumont arrived in New York from western tour Friday and sailed for Europe on the Steamer City of New York. Will take his seat in parliament. His visit here made delightful by the most hospitable social attentions. Introduced into society by his friend Mrs. Hicks-Lord, he was entertained by many distinguished people. A special Palace Car was made available to him on all railroads in this country and Mexico and Texas. He intends to return next year with a party of young Noblemen and make a tour of the globe. California, China, Japan and East Indies.

H.V. Van Fleet in Central Block 2nd door from Main Street.

News March 9, 1882
The 200th anniversary of the landing of Wm. Penn, 22nd and 23rd.

White pine standing in Wisconsin estimated 41,000,000,000 board feet. Michigan 35,000,000,000, Minnesota 6,100,000,000.

The bank of Butler Broke! Liabilities $15,000. assets $700.00 consisting of a few dollars of money and uncollectable paper and office furniture. Owe the National Bank of Toledo. The Butler Bank was organized two years ago under the State Law of $25,000 capital. It had less than $400.00. Deposits ranged froom $5.00 to $700.00. The Toledo Bank is owed $8,000. Four weeks ago this bank started a bank in Montpelier, it is included in the assignment to the Toledo Bank.

The Hicksville Foundry, William Gibson prop. corner of Arthur and Bryan streets is turning out the Curtis Iron Beam Points, the Bryan #2 and Bryan #12 repairs. Also the Defiance Clipper Points and the Self Sharpener. All kinds of job work made to order.(The foundry moved from Newville after 1874 and the coming of the R.R. to Hix.)

A library Association formed here with 100 volumes, membership is $2.00.

Hon.H.W. Hill and R. Airhart have purchased the corner lot opposite Ainsworth Boon and Bevington, N.E corner Maple and High St. They will build a two story brick, two buisiness room on 1st. floor.

The "Bully Twelve" have a neat gold badge worn by the best shot of the week.

A.P. Edgerton returned to Hicksville Tuesday.

U.D. Cleland's blacksmith shop at Cicero burned, will replace.

T.W. Kerr completed the purchase of two acres of land of A.P. Edgerton at the corner of Edgerton and Maple, on which to build his mill.

People of Antwerp plan to gravel the Antwerp Pike from the Cnty. line south. They expect to draw part of Hicksville's trade.

Letter from Warren Shaw of Coffeyville, Kansas.

All light houses on the French coast to be equipped with electric lights and steam fog horns.

The bridge between Brooklyn and New York will be open for passenger traffic at Christmas. Estimates of cost of the mamouth structure, $2,500 a foot, or $14,939,590.00.

News March 16, 1882
Total amount raised by direct taxation $56,879,679.$1.00 per cap.

Wooden shoes manufactured at Green Bay of green basswood smoked and dried like ham, 1 1/2 hours to make, sell for 35 cents.

Sherwood:

Hartshorn and Struble began new store building.

A man is known to some extent by the dog he keeps. Loved or other-wise by his neighbors according to the disposition dominent in his dog.

Mrs. A.H. Simpson has purchased the lot of E.D. Otis on High St. known as the Marvin property. She will move her house there.

Forlow and Co. commence making tile about the last of April.

Willet and Darby of Bryan have the contract to erect the soldier's monument. The monument will cost $896.00.

The Defiance Columbus R.R. organized; W.C.Holgate and others.

News March 23, 1882

Ohio - from Johnson's report of the Indian tribes in Wyandot language is Ohe zuh (something great) The Senacas dwelling on Lake Erie, Oheo. Old French maps Ochio and Oyo.

100,000 elephants are slaughtered yearly for tusks.

South Dakota to be admitted as a state.

5,000 men make a living from taking white fish from the Great Lakes. The Fish Commission proposes to place 40 million white fish in Lake Erie, hatched in Sandusky and Toledo. Next year stocking rivers with black bass, salmon and pike.

List of subscribers include: Geo. Maniere, Chicago. A.P.Edgerton Jr. of Cinn. and Mrs. Hicks-Lord of New York City.

In a Defiance grocery a five year old fell in a barrel of lard immediately rescued, scraped off and sent home.

George Otis has purchased chairs for his hall in Central Block

Mrs. A.H. Simpson has purchased T.A. Starr's property on High St. occupied by Wilderson and Co.

B.S. Pettit has secured the services of C.L. Starr as clerk.

Greenback caucus in Scipio, strong speaker and response.

Amos Forlow raising a subscription for a new U.B. parsonage on Smith St. The former parsonage to be moved off the lot.

Adv. Sollenberger Brothers Manufacturers of harness & trunks.

News March 30, 1882

Six Corners: The misses Huber have returned from New York.

W.H.Getrost raised money for a Waters & Co. organ for church.

Casper Ginter, B.S. Kelsey, Isaiah Greer and Andrew Hattery work for Forlow and Co. this year.

It is anticipated that as of April 20,000 immagrants will arrive per week at Castle Garden.

Mr. Dolge of Dolgeville, N.Y. has a plan by which any laborer after 10 years may have 50% of salary as a pension to increase to 25 years at full pay. In case of sickness or disability, full pay.He came 15 years ago a poor man.

During the past 10 years the cost of protecting the frontier from Indians employing an average of 72% of Regular Army has been $223,000,000.

A crow that could speak dozens of words plainly has just died in Bedford, Mass. He might have been famous except for his profanity which made his seclusion necessary. His early education had been bad

Ohio has a larger number of volumes in her college libraries than any other state in the Union. 313,572 volumes, Mass 272,528.

Mr. Wm. Pickett of Chicago his firm western agents of Kerr Bros

Wm.Callendar bought the interest of T.W.Kerr in the Britton & Kerr Co. saw mill.

A fine Duplex Mill Dog was sent to the patent office. It is more complicated than Mr. Knight's Excelsior Dog.

Failure of electric light in two towns, Akron and Wabash, Ind. Two towers were built, just not adequate amount of light. Costs $6,000 dollars a year to maintain. Couldn't afford the eight or more needed to light the town.

Died March 26th. Mrs. Margaret Miller, wife of J.A. Miller. She was born in Wayne Twp. Jefferson Co. Ohio. Moved here with husband in 1846. Rev. J.W. Lilly, U.B.Church. Leaves husband & five children.

F.Marple,all kinds of hand turning, ballusters, newel posts.

W.E. Palmer, contractor & builder, office 3rd door west of bank.

News April 6, 1882

Stokes who coldly assasinated Jim Fisk isnow part proprietor of Hoffman House in N.Y. A pavement patent and mining interests made him a millionaire.

The Vandalia and Pennsy R.R. have contract to carry 2,500 cars of bullion from Colorado to Philidelphia in three months.

Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Polk and Mrs. Tyler will draw $5,000 apiece as yearly pensions.

Died April 1st. Mrs. Susannah Aten, aged 54, Presbyterian, came to this County in 1868. Rev. S.S. Hyde officiating.

Died April 1st. Mrs. Elizabeth Brinker, aged 73. Presbyterian, Rev. Wesner officiating.

C.W. Krotz sold his lot next to Correll and Bloomfield & Co. to Sergent Brothers of N.Y. and Napoleon who will erect a building for grocery and produce.

Dillworth & Maxwell have put up awnings in front of their store.

Miss Lillie Patton called to Milwaukee for funeral of uncle.

Fish & Maxwell building a new ware house.

Material being hauled for the Casebeer Block.

News April 13, 1882

The Pond Law is being fought by the liquor interests. They tried their best to defeat all Republican candidates, sucessful in large towns. The Ohio Farmer comments "we believe the liquor traffic should be controlled and regulated if it cannot be prevented".

Circus goers of this and future seasons will be furnished a delectable sight of a mock reproduction of the assassination of Pres. Garfield. The clothes Guiteau wore have been purchased and busts of President Garfield made. Only less taste than the under- taker who meant to freeze Guiteau's body and exhibit it in the U.S. and Europe

The American people have had enough of this sacrilege and dishonor to the memory of a man universally respected and admired.

A jeweler in Middleberry, Vermont has built a clock that with two inch figures reenact the assassination, takes three minutes.

Secretary of War, Lincoln is the only Garfield man in cabinet.

President Arthur served guests at a state dinner six kinds of wine. Prohibitionists fear the gains of President Hayes will be lost.

Jessie James body planted at Kearny, Missouri. His mother the chief mourner said her son was better off in Heaven. If Jessie is in heaven no editor will be lost.

It is estimated that 75,000 are homeless from the flood of the Mississippi and it's tributaries.

Over 10,000 are working for the Northern Pacific, in Montana.

Dress making, Parmer and Van Horn over Pettit's Drug Store.

Blooded Stock. Fine Percheron Stallion, Percheron Norman Bert, 16 12 hands high, 1,600 pounds. Zigler & Hosack. O.W. Hosack keeper.

News April 20, 1882

The old Marvin building being moved to THB Correll lot.

Hosack has succumbed to the Pond Bill, sold saloon.

Showalter & Arnold got a good well at 102 feet for Forlow & Co.

Arson fire; Hersch Brother's store discovered on fire by Hal Miller, someone at the same time stepped from the front door and walked toward the R.R. Kerosene soaked boxes in rear. Extinguished in a short time. Insured.

The Smith Bill passed the Senate. Closes saloons on Sunday.

Chewing tobacco an award for good behavior in Illinois State penitentiary, a plug or paper a week.

Obituary of James Batchelor, died April 17th. He was born in Bradford, Wiltshire County England, December 24, 1804.The eldest of nine children, labored in a woolen mill as a child, no opportunity for an education. At 16 his father died leaving mother with a large family whose only support he was. Married 28th. Jan.1828,emmigrated in 1830. All living members of his family followed. He raised and educated a large family all of whom survive except one who sleeps at Gettysburg. A member of the M.E. Church, funeral from Fairview Chap.

School election at Logan:

Peter Countryman elected director for three years; Frank Bell, Ed. Stone and Wesley Barney. Vanimmons district John Sleesman and Peter Fulks.

Married, Anthony Huber & Miss Eliza Lash. Dancing to Hicksville orchestra.

A.R. Steelsmith of Farmer is erecting a business room 18 x 50 on High St. next to Bilderback Harness Shop.

A new post office established at Worstville, Paulding County.

Baseball: Dr. Rakestraw's meadow on Main between the Adult club and the Juveniles. 4 Physicians present, ladies invited.

Henry Neer has purchased the foundry of Wm. H. Gibson.

Ed Crook is making extensive improvements to residence on Smith Street.

R.F. Kerr erecting a neat picket fence at property on Cornelia.

Hon. W.D. Hill and Rudy Ahrhart of Defiance have purchased the corner lot at High and Maple and will build a two story brick 50x85. with two business rooms on the first floor and the Odd Fellows Lodge above. (this building housed many firms over the years including Burgoynes Hardware, Osmun Creamery and the Ohio Poweer offices. Was torn down in 1935 for the construction of Hi Speed service station, which was razed for the Toledo Trust branch, law office of Atty. Altman in 1996.)

Emanuel Reisch has sold his Smith St. property to Jos. Kerr Jr.

Ainsworth, Boon Bevington have adopted the cashier system.

Aurora Borealis, brilliant red with silver streaks almost to the zenith. Telegraph operator could send without batteries.

Scipio continues comment about the speech by C. Oruff on the Greenback party.

The first occupant of the new jail a Bryan resident. The town has $1,326.00 and the jail is paid for.

A new stock of millinery at LOVES.

Arrangements being made to connect Defiance with Paulding by telephone. Someone should form a profitable Co. to connect Defiance with Hicksville.

Bob Burdette will be in town to deliver his lecture on the "Rise and Fall of the Mustache".

Considerable draining will be done by our farmers this year. Andrew Hilbert last year tiled a rented farm and states that he will get a good return on his money spent.

Complaints of farmers driving on the sidewalks and damaging shade trees avoiding the terrible muddy condition of the streets.

High street carries lots of traffic and is just dirt, now mud if not frozen, loads are limited to 2,500 pounds, gravel or macadam is promised for next summer.

Farm wages in the state average is $16.62 with board,$20. with out.

News April 27, 1882

Robert and Charles Ford to be hanged the 19th. for the murder of Jessie James.

Chicago has the largest Jewish population of any city of the world. 15 synagogues with 20,000 in the congregations.

Henry Milliman who has moved several buildings in town of late is a practical and cautious workman. Thoroughly understands the trade.

Foundations of the Casebeer Block being built.

Wiesbacker & Bietenback have their brick yard situated in the field adjoining Randolph and Co's factory in running operation. They expect to turn out 10,000 brick per day. Employing ten men.

The White Cap Baseball Club members are: Albert Randolph, Harry Rex, Irtas Ackley, Charles Love, William Henry, Harry Dowell, Frank Landis, Ira Babbitt and Ed. Thompson.

The game between Adults and White Caps: 3 to 1, White Caps.

THB Correll roofs his building nearly opposite Commercial Block.

Welsh and Green of Edgerton gave up on moving Mrs. Simpson's house after only one days effort. Henry Milliman moved the house.

Wed. George Green and Katie Lehman, Milford.

Miss Mary Otis returning from Oberlin after three years there will accept students for instruction in instrumental music.

Paulding County Fair October 4th through 6th.

Forlow & Co. received a stone crusher for the tile and brick yard

Fish & Maxwell receiving 49 car loads of lumber from Michigan.

Mr. Waddle of Penn. visiting his daughter Mrs. Simpson.

Just received the most popular piece of music ever published.
"Verdict March" pictures of Guiteau jury on cover.

Died, John Motherspaw, pioneer of Delaware Twp. Thursday. Rev. Crary at the Dunkard Church near Sherwood.

transfers: A.P. Edg. to Francis Thompson, lot 44 & 135 Hix. $486.
Margaret Hill, Mary & John Horton to Wm. Hill 60 A.Farmer Twp.

Blair, Indiana (St. Joe) flourishing, firm of Leighty and Bishop being grain buyers, Olda and Case Dry Goods and General store Leighty and Bishop Dry Goods and General Store, WAG Smith Furniture Store, Tales and Youngling Grocery and Bakery, A. Lachopelle Blacksmith, J.H. Conrad, Tin smith, W.C. Patterson Exclusive Drug Store, Barney Brow Dry Goods and Hardware, a carriage repair, two saloons, one millinery, one saw mill, elevator. Jacob Lieghty is building a capacious brick residence.

Pasture notice: All persons indebted to A.P. Edgertron requested to pay at once. Delinquents can procure no pasture hereafter.

News May 4, 1882

The "secret telephone" can reproduce voice from 25 feet away.

The future newspaper will be one of paragraphs and items rather than long elaborate editorials. Taste and liking of people is in the direction of short condensed full of merit, nut shell paragraphs. A great art, the ability to write concisely.

G.F. Knight will build on High between Hicksville Flour Mill and Kentigh's cooper shop.

Last week the grand jury found an indictment against Dave, Herman and Henry Hersch for arson of their store.

A medical journal warns the public about injecting morphine.

Wm. Peepers has bought the right of S.B. Miller for selling and putting up telephone lines in this and Paulding Co. He has already put up several lines in town.

Auburn has a debt of $14,583, and the school house has burned.

On the 21st. of April the store of Farnum & Co. Edgerton was entered by burglars and $400. worth of silks taken as well as $7.00 in change. They tried the safe and failed.

Markets:
Wheat $1.31; corn .60; oats .46; eggs .10; butter .20; feathers .40; beeswax .20; onions bu $1.00; potatoes $1.20; apples dry .05;green .60 bu.; tallow .05; shoulder .08; lard .10; sheep pelts .10 to .75; hams .10; live chickens .05 to .06; beef hides .05 to .06# sheep on foot .03 to .04 per head; Beef $3.00 to $4.50; hogs $5.00 to $6.00.

News May 11, 1882

The President's proclamation to Billy the Kid, Texas Jack, Wild Bill and other unquiet citizens of the Territory of Arizona not to aid and abet these criminals.

Major Tupper of the 6th. Calvary fought Apaches at Cloverdale. Boundry between Arizona and New Mexico. One man lost, 2 wounded. Savages left 15 dead on the field, including a son of Loco. 75 horses captured etc.

Frank L. Forlow teaching country school and reading Law in the office of Thompson and Griffin. Frank received an appointment as Notary from Governor Foster.

Drs. McDonald & Coulter have laid foundation for their new drug store.

Further discussion of ballots thrown out in Scipio election.

Printed on too small a sheet of paper.

transfers: A.P. Edgerton to Mrs. Simpson part of lots 199 1/2 and 200 1/2 $125.00
Francis Thompson to Hannah Simpson lots 199 1/2 & 200 1/2 $225.00
Benjamin Forlow to J.S. Ames lot 7 in Hix. $250.00

Coburntown: Wm. Wade wed to Mary C. Coburn.

I.A. Gingery building a home next to I.P. Blakeslee furniture factory.

John Griest of Newville moving to Hicksville.

Mrs. Daniel Hilbert of Wilseyville to Lima, a few weeks visit.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton is in town.

H.G. Elliott has invented a pillow sham lifter.

Henry Neer is erecting a building 22 x 45 for foundry.

It is suggested that flags are more appropriate for veteran's graves than flowers. They fought for the flag in the war.

News May 18, 1882

The tubercular parasite discovered by Dr. Koch of Berlin.

Inventor of a flying machine a suicide in a room filled with his broken models. His dream was to build a machine to cross the Atlantic.

The year 1776 saw 29 Public Libraries in the U.S. In 1879 there were 3,682. Books in the 29 numbered 45,633, in 1879 12,276,964.

The title of 1,300 farms, about 130,000 A. contested in Harding County by Virginia claimants.

Official records of the G.A.R. show 85,000 members.

The great Sahara desert to be converted to an immense lake by a canal from the Mediterranean.

London Lancet: Of the 1,563,644 persons who left Europe for N.Y. between 1870 and 1880; 2,513 died in transit - average duration of passage 13 days 13 hours. Of 14,874 persons who embarked on 15 ships in 1880, 37 died. One ship carrying 1,331 immigrants in 16 days, 13 died. All had submitted to medical examination and passed as healthy at the start. Shows that you are 100 times more likely to die of disease than shipwreck.

A bill proposes a .50 cent head tax on each immigrant. The money to go to a fund "the immigrants fund" to be used to defray expenses of attending care of such emigrants.

Now is the time to kill your hawks and owls.

transfer: Peter Hilbert to J.G. Lower, 22 A. in town $1,400.00

Kerr Brothers completed an order for 32,000 handles sent to a manufacturer in Michigan.

They also shipped a car load to the hardware trade.

Died, Henry Spindler, May 10, aged 69, Rev. J.W. Lilly U.B.Church interred near Jerico.

Boiler at Greek's saw mill in southeastern Mark Twp. exploded, crushing the hands and jaw of Col. Greek and disfigguring the face of John Smith.

George T. Nichols has purchased the Union House Livery from John Swilley.

I.A. Gingery has moved the stock purchased of Hersch Brothers to his store in the Commercial Block.

Assessor Casebeer: In Hicksville Twp. there are 495 horses, 19 mules, 1,178 cattle, 2,128 sheep, 1,655 hogs,28 deaths, 71 births this year.

Hartshorn law, requiring all teachers to pass satisfactory examinations in U.S. History. Those under contract exempt in 1882.

Finger, a game with paper seperating ladies and gentlemen.

The gentleman places a finger through the paper and the lady that chooses his finger is escorted by him to dinner and the evening.

N. Crary sheared a 2 year old sheep that gave 17 pound of wool.

John Foust killed a large porcupine last Monday.

Scipio:

Died, May 19, Frank Dorsey, son of William, of consumption, age 21. Took sick in Nebraska where he had worked the past year. Return-ed home 5 weeks ago. Rev. Meyers, at the M.E.Church.

Now there are 113 books printed in English the blind can read. The cost of publishing with raised letters is high, circulation small. Perkins Institute of Boston has achieved a fund of $100,000. and will publish 12 books a year.

Professor King, the aeronaught is constructing a baloon at Philadelphia in which to cross the Atlantic. Should he carry out his foolhardy venture he had better leave his card "Gone the way of Donalson and his companions."

Evansville to have electric light. Eight masts, $15,000 annual cost of operation.

The bill extending National Bank Charters passed last week.

Cecil, Paulding Co. is incorporated.

Soap Bubble Party, prize of person making biggest bubble.

The White Cap baseball club "scooped' Sherwood Friday.

Contracts written on Sunday are valid and a milk man may legally deliver milk on Sunday.

School picnic Friday the day school closes, all interested in school matters should prepare something and come.

Program: 10:30 A.M. meet at the school house.
11:00 Declamations, dialoges and singing by schools.
1:00 Dinner
2:00 Addresses by Rev. S.S. Hyde and Rev. N. Crary

A state network of telephones proposed, some under construc-tion. To connect all county seats, later to spread to small towns.

Rev. Taylor, army chaplain, to give dedicatory address at the M.E. Church Sunday May 28. By order of G.A.R. Post.

News May 25, 1882

The B&O pay car in town Tuesday, made the boys happy.

Lutherans at Lost Creek erecting a neat fence at cemetery.

Cornelia St. being graded from Main to R.R. will eventually be one of THE streets.

In a few years Hicksville will be noted for it's shade trees.

Ed. Miller brought the largest load of wheat ever, 107 bu.

The G.A.R. will not erect the monument in time for decoration day, will set another day for it's dedication.

G.F. Knight has purchased an engine boiler, lathes and machinery to manufacture his "mill dogs". He can manufacture 100 a week.

The "Hum" of industry in new factory just completed by T.W. Kerr manufacturing "trunk slats". The building is a commodious one.

Special excursion on B&O Monday to annual meeting of the German Baptists at Milford Junction,Ind. Fare $1.75, good to the 15th. with one stopover each direction.

A movement in Columbus for complete network of telephone lines.

Decoration Day Program.

Sunday School Convention Program.

News June 1, 1882

Antwerp has a haunted house, four families driven out, the last Sol. Swisher. Thunderous sounds, doors opening and closing by them selves and a ghostly shape seen by some.

The school picnic was the happiest and most popular affair of the year.

Marriage licenses: James H. Maxwell and Julia Russman
Philip Huber and Mary Kisabeth.

Council should see that Mr. Casebeer replaces his walk along Main St. It was torn up for the masons to work, but as they are not doing anything at the moment it should be repaired.

The Dow Law declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court as the Ohio constitution prohibits licensing of liquor traffic.

The B&O to gain control of transport between Chicago and Washington by shortening the schedule by 7 to 12 hours of other lines. The Flyer will leave Chicago at 8:10 A.M. the dome of the Capital comes in sight the next day at noon.

Elson the Clothier, determined to leave Hicksville in 30 days.

Go to the concert Monday Evening and help the band boys.

Ed. Hartzler,"jumping counters" for Ainsworth Boon Bevington

Every year the civilized world uses 350,000,000 tons of coal.

Peeper & Crowl erected 4 lines of telephone for Ainsworth Boon & Bevington, Co.

An enterprising Ohio boy breeds hawks and owls and sells the scalps to the State for the 50 cent bounty. It would be better if the State was to save the thousands of dollars and allow the birds to live to reduce the mice and rats.

Our town needs tenement houses, small dwellings demand 6 to 8 dollars a month and in a great many cases two families are crowded in one house.

Correll and Bloomfield moved their stock of Groceries and Provisions from the Krotz Opera Block to their new room nearly across from Commercial Hall.

Emigration is over done, those who came have written back to the old country wonderful stories of America and at times a whole village has come.

Mr. Smith of Defiance intends to open a saloon in rooms in the Krotz Block, vacated by Correll and Bloomfield.

While boring a well for Jacob Bishop in Paulding Co. J.W. Morgan met with a fatal accident. As equipment broke he was thrown in to a picket fence and received fatal head injuries.

News June 8, 1882

Defiance pays $8,000. per year for instruction in their school.

G.K. Otis sold the Ryan farm to Albert Farnsworth for $5,500.

Dr. Brookens moved his office to rooms upstairs in Lehman Bldg. The first door west of the U.B.Church.

Jessie Griest bought a farm in Allen Co. Ind.will use as a stock farm. We are sorry to lose him and wish him success.(Sheriff Allen County later)

Mr. C.A. Fyke of Bryan is principal of Hicksville Schools.
Mike Warner, salesman for G.F. Knight returned from Alabama.
Eatables have risen 15% in the last four months.

The "death of the Pond Law" has renewed the life of many saloons that had closed their doors in all the neighboring villages. We will have four more, one from Defiance.

Subscriptions to soldier's monument due by the 20th.

Wilderson and Co. have engaged in the undertaking business. They have the finest hearse in northwest Ohio. H.O.Weldon will have charge of the hearse and attend all funerals.

S.S. Zigler has moved here from Williams Center, now of the firm Zigler & Strong, music dealers and insurance agents. He will live in the Jessie Griest house.

The dollar sign is not a degenerate monogram of the letters U.S. but is descended from a design found on the Spanish Dollar. A representation of the Pillars of Hercules around which is a scroll.

F.D. Krieg purchased 160 A. near Stewartson, Shelby Co. Ill.

Rev. Griffin of Mc Comb, Ohio, father of L.E. Griffin, visited town and occupied the pulpit of the Disciple Church.

Ona Allen of Farmer Twp. died 5th. of June. Had accumulated a large property on adjoining farms. In the last 6 months 4 gentlemen have died: Isaiah Johnson, John Wilder, and Peter Ringer.

Milford, Died Alvira wife of Alonzo Thompson, 27, Hix. Cem.

Hicksville is on the high road of sovereignty, increase in business each year. Verifies the secret lies in our citizens and business men who have thorough business tact and are constantly reaching out for trade. An excellent farming community will allow the town to advance to 2,500 or 3,000. Within the past year three new industries with the outlook good for others.

Turtle Mountain Reservation in Dakota, 9,000,000 acres thrown open to settlers.

The U.S. imported 331,200 Tons of iron and steel from Britain; exported $9,000,000 worth of timber and $500,000 of house frames, jointer work and door frames.

A letter from the West, Miss Lizzie Forlow, Leadville, Co.The elevation 10,200 feet not severe winter, woolen sheets always preferable to cotton ones. Miners are quite civil and decorous in manners.

Eastern correspondents give this city a bad name, but is not different from any other city; only in one respect, there is not
pretense or concealment about anything. Every one lives out their true character. No pious cheating, nor sanctimonious over reaching done, churches are well supported.

A man's not considered rich unless he is worth $100,000. Day board $7.00 a week, good board and lodging may be had at the Clarenden at $15.00 a day, the finest house in the City. There are accommodations to suit almost any person.

I have been greatly benefited by climbing the mountains, the higher I go the more my asthma is improved. I was not free till I reached a elevation of 8,000 feet, others have to be taken down immediately. Altitude can not be considered a cure for asthma,
it is a mere lottery, some improve, some die.

News June 15, 1882

Guiteau execution two weeks away. (assassin of Pres. Garfield)
Over a hundred cities in the U.S. have population over 20,000.
Emigration in May at Castle Garden reached a total of 90,000.
West Point will turn out 37 soldiers this year.

Ohio has 9 R.R.s under construction, in the U.S.120.

transfers: A.P. Edgerton to Clay, Crowl & Co.lots 63,58,59 Edgerton 1st.Addn.$300.

Esther Parker to Deborah Harrison, a tract in Hix $300.00.

Celia Hartle & Emma Hamilton visiting family of Dr. Mc Donald in Sherwood.

Prof. W.R. Lazenly in charge of the new Ohio Agricultural Bureau at Ohio State University.

The engine house where John Brown was captured at Harper's Ferry is closely guarded to keep the curious from carrying it away.

Dakota land is fast filling, especially Germans. The cost of going there, buying a 160 acre plot, breaking it up, cultivating it and reaping the 1st crop, $650.00. Value estimated at $900.00. The disadvantages: lack of wood, bitter winds, severe winter and complete isolation during that season.

The number and size of farms in Ohio:
under 3 A. 212; under 10 over 3, 10,157; over 10 under 20, 14,957;
over 20 under 50 A. 49,285; over 50 under 100, 78,295; over 100 less than 500, 92,658; over 500 under 1,000, 1,309; 1,000 or over, 252.

Republican Platform: Resolved that we condemn the terrible outrages inflicted on the Jews of Russia and other sections of Europe.

Charley Gillispie starts a huckster wagon next week.

DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TEAM ON THE STREETS UNHITCHED

Forlow & Co. have a kiln of tile burning.

Hicksville Brick Yard finished a kiln of brick this week.

Farmer Center:

A Ball at Allen's Hall the 4th of July evening.

Unable to obtain a suitable room, Miss Ettie Dowell will not teach a "Select School" this season.

Sherwood Post Office recognized as a money order office.

Average size of Ohio Farms decreasing from 125 A. to 103 A. in thirty years, will continue to decline.

John Dowell Jr. had the end of his index finger of the right hand cut off by a buzz saw at T.W. Kerr's Trunk Slat Mill.

Potatoes are so high that poor people are forced to eat rice.

Tickets to Europe may be obtained of F.M. Thompson, agent for the Allen Steamship Lines out of Boston and New York.

Four new business rooms going up in Sherwood and several new dwellings, others under contract.

Dynamiting fish in Maumee is illegal. Hessian fly in wheat.

Dixon Edgerton graduating from Union College of Law in Chicago. their twenty-second commencement.

John Parker of the Paulding Stave Co. lost a portion of thumb and first finger, adjusting a knife.

Grand Ball at Krotz Hall afternoon and evening of the 4th. of July. Benefit the G.A.R. Post. The Hicksville Orchestra led by John Koch, managers Geo. W. Scott, Jacob Dowell, A.L. Meese and J. Hootman.

The Hicksville Manufacturing and Lumber Co. J.C. Clay President, D.J. Crow, Vice Pres. THB Correll Sec./Treas. Preparing to enter the manufacturing business with vigor. Purchased the saw mill property of Clay Crowell and Co. on High Street. Building 40x80 feet two stories high will be built in front of the old buildings. A frontage of 85 feet on High Street. Manufacturer of Hardwood Lumber, broom and hoe and fork handles. Deal in poplar and pine lumber, shingles, lathe work etc. W.E. Palmer to erect the building.

The Soldier's Monument has arrived, a shame to erect it in an out of the way place where it will be seldom seen. Should be erected on the public square for all to see.

Died at the residence east of town, John Clemmer, aged 72. Born in Rockingham Co. Virginia. Mr. Clemmer bought the first piece of property from A.P. Edgerton and the Hicks Land Company.

Died June 8, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson aged 81. Buried the following day from the Fairview Chapel.

Died June 8, Mr. Hatch, aged 84, interred at Maysville Cem.

Died June 8, Eleven year old son of Mr.& Mrs. W.F. Merifield, services at Fairview Chapel, Rev. Lilly.

A journey around the world now takes 90 days, for as low as $800.

Soaking seed wheat in blue vitriol can reduce the risk of rust.

When President Arthur was a teacher, rather than punishing boys by seating them with the girls, seated them on smallest seat and they had to say the alphabet with the little ones. Reformation of one bad boy took just two hours.

Brewing refuse is good feed for cattle, not affecting milk.

Everybody's going to Bryan to see the handsomest woman in the world, 22 performing elephants, 1,000 wild beasts, Colossal Circus in two rings. FOREPAUGH CIRCUS.

George Knight's engine which he used in his saw mill in Alabama arrived here Monday.

A Summers has purchased the lot of Mrs. J.G. Donafin who moved the house back and an addition will be made on an "L" for his law office.

News June 22, 1882

Army worms completely destroying the crops in Warren and Butler Counties, Millions passing northward in Miami Valley.

The 70th. birthday of Harriet Beecher Stow celebrated by a gathering of literary men and women of America.

Pensions to those who lost an arm or leg in the war $40./month.

Liverymen of New England complain of loss of business over the use of the telephone.

A new telegraph Co. formed $21,000,000 capital. (Postal Tel.) The average increase in wages since 1880 is 10%. Cost of necessities up 27% by reason of adulteration of tea, coffee, sugar, actual 40%.

NOTICE to owners of live stock in the village: any live stock allowed to roam between 7 P.M. and 6 A.M. will be impounded.

News June 15, 1882.

John Swilley death, age 52 yr. 11 mo. 3 da. at family residence the 19th. of June. German by birth in Whurtemburg 1829, sailed for America April, 1849. Settled in Preble Co. engaged in manufacturing of wagons and buggies. Married Miss Marue Huffman, 6th. Oct. 1853 who survives. In 1855 moved his family to Defiance Co. settled in Hicksville as a wagon maker, also established a tavern which is now known as the Union House. Honest, he will be missed. Funeral the 21st. at the M.E. Church under auspices of Legion of Honor. Rev. S.S. Hyde delivering the address. Procession to the Hicksville Cemetery. Village council passed a resolution that all business will close from 1 to 3 P.M. for the funeral.

Austin Countryman wed Mary Gunzenhauser at hom of the bride's parents, Newville Twp. The " infair ' held at Peter Countrymans, an enjoyable occasion.

A.D. Otis and Hiram Meek have sheared 600 sheep and have 200 to go. These gentlemen are experts.

Two special trains will run into Hicksville on the 4th. will get here at 10 A.M. from Fostoria on the east and Albion on the west.

C.S. Graham has sold his 30 acres and tile machinery on Dutch street to Daniel Bruner, Thomas Gallentine and John Miller. $3,500.

Last winter a class of the Sect of Wine Branarians was organized at the Dutch Street school.

Since then they have held services alternate Sundays, last Sunday Rev. A.J. Warren baptized a number of converts in Casebeer creek.

There will be a great military "sham battle", parade, and fire works, eloquent speeches on the fourth of July by the G.A.R. vets.

Potato bug spray, gas tar in water, 3 gal. in barrel of water.

Beef has not been so high since the cow jumped over the moon.

Bids asked for a brick school in Milford Township.

News June 29, 1882

The address by A.P. Edgerton to the graduates of Ft.Wayne school June 9, 1882. by the Fort Wayne Sentinel:

The address by the Hon. A.P. Edgerton delivered before the graduating class at the High School certainly betrays a versatile mind. No word of more than one syllable is used, still the address is able, well conceived and brilliant. Mr. Edgerton's simple style is worthy of imitation. 10th. pgh.:

If it be said "what can you do?" "will you learn a trade?" say

"I have none but I can learn one and put my brains to it". Should it be said "what do you know now?".What would be the end if you say?

"I can read and write and spell some, I can sing and dance and smoke, drink and swear and ride and blab with girls and play Kings & Queens and Knaves and go in with full flush and win, or with a pair and loose and then can write C.O.D. (call on dad to fill my wants.) What do you think you would find? a boot through the door.

--- Will you say when asked can you do this or that, that you do not know how to do all this work but you will try to learn some of it and do it well. Can you and will you work and speak the truth and in all things strive to do no man wrong. If you say yes, then all the doors where man's good and great work is done will swing open for you to pass in and do your part. etc.

To you too, young girls I must say a word not to chide, not to praise. The first you need not fear from me: the last your should fear from the world, for you will learn that vice in it's worst forms is hid in the garb of praise. You can plant a rose which shall bloom and give it's sweets to all: or you can grow the thorn which shall pierce the hearts of all that love you, hope for you, pray for you. The turn your minds now take will fix your life to come. If you are led in a just way of pure thought and deed you will be sure to find peace and health in all that you do.-But there is a dark path which if you turn to it will find no love, no place of rest, no home of peace. That road you will find if a fools wife. It is your work to drive fools out of their world and to make men good and wise ---take care that you are not a fool's drudge.---By fool I mean a man who does not know how to treat a good wife and who will not work. What should you bring to a good and true man to make his and yours a home of Joy and peace? Good health, a mind rich in stores of thought, a pure heart full of love truth and Trust in God.

The right choice at first in all things is all there is to be able to say "well done at last".

Our words "Well Done" here we now give you, with the hope that they may help you to guard your way to a well spent life.

During last year in Hicksville and Twp. there were 42 deaths. 12 were sudden, the others from the fevers so prevalent last Summer.

John Murphy and John Zimmerman arrested for fast driving.

A tablespoon of salt peter in a bucket of water sprinkled on cabbage will destroy the worms without hurting the plants.

All ministers in all churches to give temperance sermon Sunday.

Sign east of Sherwood, 10 cents. The woman in residence gave birth to triplets in California three months ago and on the train east charged 10 cents for people to look at the boy and two girls.

Simon Nichols at Orange, building a brick house, B. Webber the Marble man furnished the stone.

Assessors of Defiance Co. report 5,946 horses, value $2,528.90. cattle 14,043, value $1,383.38; mules 163, value of 6,765; carriages 2,086, value $52,943; watches 556, value $8,050; dogs 2,001. Pianos and organs 402, value $19.210; merchandise $151,185.
All personal property subject to taxation: Hix. village $62,922; Hix. School Dist. $4,392; Hix. Twp.$48,694; Milford Twp. $78.377; Mark $53,186; Def.Twp. $48,748; Farmer $85.652 Adams Twp. $93.127;

Program for the 4th. of July:
National salute at sunrise. With the arrival of the special trains the people will march to the Hicksville Fair Grounds.
Song by the Glee Club. Prayer by Rev. Wesner.
Address of welcome by Mayor J.E. Coulter, Song by Glee Club.
Reading of Declaration of Independence by Atty. L.E. Griffin.
At one procession formed by the speakers, town authorities, band, G.A.R. Posts, Societies, and Grand Industrial Parade.
Address by A.P. Edgerton, song, Address by W.D. Hill, candidate.
Music by the band. Procession forms at 3:00 P.M. to cemetery.
Unveiling of soldier's monument, speech by Allexander, Van Wert.
Procession returns to fair ground. Grand Fantastic Parade at 4:30.
Sham battle at 7:00 P.M. Fire works at 8:00 P.M.
Foot races, sack races, wheelbarrow races. Adjourn.

Origin of O.K. first used by Old Keokuk, Pacific Chief of the SACS and FOXES, when he sold Iowa to Uncle Sam., he signed O.K.
The fiery BLACK HAWK his co-chief refused to sign or sell away the rights of his people to this beautiful land. Thus the Black Hawk war.

No stay of execution for Guiteau, refusal of Justice Bailey.

A $300,000 bill passed by the House of Representatives last week to build an extension of the Executive Mansion. Propose to erect a building directly south of the present one similar to it on the exterior, connected to it by a broad corridor and with accommodation for a larger crowd of visitors. Two years will be required for it's construction, occupation of the present building will not be interrupted by the construction.

Utica, New York horses are taxed for street repair @ $3.00 per horse, $5.00 for a team.

The cornerstone of the Garfield Memorial Church laid in Wash.

Opium has no less than 75,000 victims in New York.

History of the sunflower, King of plants, in Persia it is the symbol of Constancy in Love.

How apparently inexhaustible forests have been cut, what will remain?

Some work has actually been done on High St. near the depot.

Work has started on a brick building for Hill & Rudy Ahrhart.

Union House has complete set of awnings N & W. cost $72.00.

New apples and peaches in the market but the price is so high that it keeps a person as hungry as if they were not.

Defiance "The Convention City", four in two weeks.

Mr. John Casebeer in a quandary. He either will have to stop the boys from running over his farm or move off and leave it.

B & O excursion to Island Park, $1.60 round trip.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton again elected president of Fort Wayne Board of Education trustees. This makes 15 years in this capacity.

Meeting of the fair directors: B.F. Casebeer, W.H. Harter and M.E. Chapman as committee to get the race track in good condition.

Deaths: Mrs. James Walker Mc Cormicks Corners, Forder Cem.
Thomas Pearson, 19th. age 57, M.E. Church, Rev. Teegarden.

News July 6, 1882

From the west end: New potatoes available.

Daughter, Ira Popers.

Post. I DONAFIN POST G.A.R. # 52 HICKSVILLE OHIO

New Scientific Wonder! A motor that promises to supersede steam. Vaporized bisulphide of carbon is the agent employed. That under these workings the heat of a common house fire could be utilized to run an ocean steamship. There's millions in it. Hunting for capitalists.

10,000 eels planted in Lake Erie near Toledo. 7,000 earlier.

Senator Hill's cancer on his tongue caused by nicotine that got into a blister while smoking.

Senator Sherman introduced a bill to withdraw lands from along the rivers from settlement to increase the growth of forest thereby improving the water supply and the quantity of available timber not run short.

Ice freezing machinery used almost exclusively in Southern Cities. Retail before the war $3.00 to $1.50. Not yet cheap enough for the North.

Marriage: July 2, Mr. Peter Kyle & Miss Laura Swan, both of Milford.

B.S. Pettit & S. Mackey, received 1,300 tons of ice from Toledo.

Grocers of Defiance to close every night except Sat. & Wed.

In Hicksville the fourth passed pleasantly, estimated 6 to 8 thousand in town. Largest crowd in Hicksville in some time. Special trains from Defiance brought G.A.R and IOOF members, 300 people.

Speakers at the unveiling, W.D. Hill Democratic candidate for Congress, at the Fair Ground, A.P. Edgerton and Mr. Allexander at the unveiling of the Soldier's Monument. Masterly speakers, sound thinkers and orators.

Hicksville Glee Club: I.A. Gingery, C.G. Shepard, L.E. Griffin, & N.E. Strong, furnished the music and did well. Maysville Silver Cornet Band, patriotic music. Sham battle without accidents. Every available space used for refreshment stands, no complaint of scarcity of water or edibles. Besides hotel and restaurants, Clark Brothers set 4 tables in Commercial Hall seating 150, Hugh Nelson at his bakery and Ed Welker in Otis Hall had extensive accommodations. Several arrests of inebriated individuals disturbing the peace and making nuisances of themselves, few in number for size of crowd.

H.G. Bowker fed and watered 248 horses on 4th. at his livery.

News July 13, 1882.

The Gov. of N.Y. did not sign a bill providing pensions for school teachers. Teachers are better paid than other professionals.

How to have a free tour of the world:

Adopt the Jewish religion and go to Russia. Thence you will be ejected and forwarded by way of Limberg to America by the emigration agent. In America assume the garb of a Chinaman and you will be dispatched to China. There give your identity as Russian and you will be returned there from which you may be expelled to Austria. There are perils to life in each case.

In Britain it is proposed to put lights on the head of horses.

Among News subscribers: B. Forlow; Lou E. Hiller, Harvey Hartle

Old Settler's Meeting September 14.

Wild mint will keep rodents out of the house.

In the year 1816 a sharp frost every month in the Northern states. "The Year Without a Summer" snow 5" deep in New York, 10" deep in Mass. May 19. July accompanied by frost and ice. Corn was nearly all destroyed. A cold northern wind prevailed all Summer, with heavy rainfall. Corn so frozen that a greater part was cut for fodder. Farmers obliged to pay $4 to $5 for seed in 1815.

The doctors fought over Garfield and how he should be treated, then their fees after he died, as well as over the responsibility, now they are after Guiteau.

On the 7th. hostile Apaches attacked the town of Globe, Ariz. One half hours hard fighting, one white killed, Indian deaths unknown.

Randolf & Co. to meet demand running stave factory nights.

Turnbul wagon works of Defiance reported moving to Toledo.

Scheduled as speakers at Fair, Gov. Foster of Ohio and Gov. Porter of Indiana.

Unique shaped cake pans, fish etc., manufactured at Neer Foundry

Defiance is trying to secure the Johnston Harvester Co. that recently burned out in Mass. Toledo offered them $50,000 to come.

Mr. I.P Blakeslee & Son Everett is making preparations to manufacture extension tables. Experienced in furniture, good workmen.

News July 20, 1882

A herd of buffalo 14 miles long was seen recently at Glen Dive Montana.

The widow of Abraham Lincoln passed away, Secretary of War Robert Lincoln her only surviving child.

The Republic has passed it's time of peril, must now face questions of administrative and financial reform. Twenty years ago it was feared that half the people might destroy the government. Today the danger is that the Government will destroy the whole people by excessive taxation, and by administrative corruption and despotism the springs from it. If government were reduced to it's legitimate functions and it's revenue, half the civil servants could be discharged and the question of Civil Service Reform would solve itself. The party in power wants to keep them, the other hoping for power wishes them retained for future enjoyment.

A child sickened in Germany found to have dog worms in lungs.

A castor oil plant in a room filled with flies, soon dead flies were found on the leaves and under the plant.

The Bully Twelve Shooting Club to have a tournament at fair. Davenport rules, glass balls and clay Pigeons. Some of the best marksmen in country expected to compete. Prizes: $20. first,15,10 & $5.00.

Hogs running wild. At this time running at large hogs take too much time at harvest. Labor is scarce and wages high. Many are strong and ferocious, accustomed to predatory life and bid defiance to small boys, dogs and fences. Remedy prescribed by law greatly inconveniences and consumes much time. Many farmers threaten Lynch Law to hogs.

Too many boys gather in front of house next to Sollenbergers harness shop.

Benj. Elson moving clothing store to Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Cass County, population 6,000; (in 1950 pop. 4,800.)

Missouri farmers pleased with wheat crop 22 1/2 bu. average.

Wheat is now $1.00 per bushel

War in Egypt, British iron clad bombards Alexandria.

Cold June of 1816, one farmer built large fires around his corn crop and saved it from the frost. Few fields in Vermont harvested.

The cherry crop is short, the worms the usual length.

Ainsworth Boon & Bevington shipped 25,000 pounds of wool.

Work commenced on the Casebeer Block, corner Main and High.

Local freights will not carry passengers, unless tickets bought in advance to boarding the train.

In some sections farm hands have demanded $2.50 per day, but in most cases the farmer compromises by giving them the crops and a first mortgage on the farm.

W.H. Harter to exhibit at the fair as fine a herd of thorough bred cattle as is owned by anyone in this area.

Miss Inez Rex and Miss Clara Wannamaker of Newville visited the families of Dr. Cowhick and William Rex for a few days.

T.W. Kerr erected three factory buildings. A stable 20 x 40; a 20 x 24 warehouse and a shed 16 x 40.

B & O excursion to Deer Park & Oakland at $ 7.50 round trip. Owned and operated by the B & O, they are two of the finest summer hotels on the continent. At the summit of the Allegheny mountains at 3,000 feet, sleeping cars on all trains.

Among those on excursion to Rome City, Miss Nettie Bunnell, Charles Bassett and Miss Carie Ainsworth, Web. Harrison and Miss Julie Donafin, Charles Tanyhill and Miss Amelia Swilley, Albert Randolf and Miss Ada Randolf, Charles Shamo, J.W. Shepard, Hugh Nelson & wife, S.A. Karn & wife, Miss Emma Nelson,John Ely & wife.

New July 27, 1882

A son of President Tyler arrested in Washington for drunkenness. Although a poor besotted creature he is one of the most courtly polished men in demeanor and conversation, a true Virginia gentleman when accepting an offered drink.

The B.& O. rumored to be extending lines through the Hocking Coal Region. A branch from Athens to Shawnee with short lines in Nelsonville-Straitsville section. Lake ports to be the objective for the B & O coal trade.

Earth quake tremors lasting 10 seconds at Cairo, Illinois.

Married: Frank Marple and Miss Sarah Blodget by Rev. Lilly.

Benj. Dowell, 13 years old, employed at the Trunk Factory, fell and broke an arm.

Early this year the name of the N.E. Indiana and N.W. Agricultural Association was changed to Ohio & Indiana Agriculture Company and chartered. Those holding certificates of stock should secure the new shares from S.J. Moore, Sec.

Bryan Democrat: Two years ago Dr. Day removed a troublesome tooth of S.M Gleason. The tooth was carefully cleansed, the decayed portion plugged with gold and the tooth reinserted. In a short time became solidly fixed and has since seen active service.

In Germany upwards of 1 million farmers who own less that three acres each. In the U.S. the farms are in many instances too big.

Insurance Companies alerted by the large number of tornadoes this year are considering adding windstorm coverage, Continental of New York now offers.

The longest line of fence in the world to stop drift of cattle extending from Indian Territory west across the Texas Panhandle,
along the course of the Canadian river 35 miles into New Mexico. 85 miles are under contract.

Paris: Passing an electric current through sour wine improved it's quality; flavor that of an aged wine. Discovered after a thunderstorm in Careasone.

Wortleberries are Huckleberries!

Married: Frank Marple and Miss Sarah Blodgett.

Milford: Basket meeting in the grove near the M.E. Church near Phil Silders.

Baked eggs: butter a deep earthen pie plate put in the eggs being careful not to break the yolks. Add butter & salt, about four minutes in the oven usually sufficient.

Flour should not be kept in a room with onions, fish or sour liquids. Any smell will be taken up by the flour. Avoid dampness, keep in a cool dry room, never above 70 degrees.

The lady with triplets has come to Hicksville, stopping at the residence of E.S. Sisco on Dixon Ave. Those wishing to see them may do so by planking down a dime.

Tri-State Fair in Toledo.

News Aug. 3, 1882

George Washington originates the expression "Brother Johnathon"
referring to Governor John Turnbull of Connecticut who was so successful furnishing supplies for the army.

Colored Camp Mtg. visited by many people. The divines are able speakers, their discourses pleasing and entertaining. Bright texture of meeting is the singing of "Blind Tom" assisted by the choir. A large crowd expected Sunday. Proceeds for the benefit of the African Church of Fort Wayne.

Baseball game on the Landis farm ball ground. The Union Club of Milford and White Caps of Hicksville. A hack will run every five minutes from the corner of High and Main to the ball grounds.

A hand full of sulfur on a bed of coals in granaries will get rid of the anguemos worm and barn weevil.

Mrs. Garfield appropriated $50,000 less any salary paid.

Suez Canal, 85 mi. long, cost $58 million,$ 20. of bonds held in England.

Raspy throat and bad breath? Contagious. Roup cure, castor oil at night, next day 3 or 4 drops turpentine & 1 drop Carbolic acid.
Another, several days give pepper and ginger and pulverized charcoal in food. Another remedy is coal oil internally and up the nose. If the Fowl gets so bad off that her eyes glaze, cut her head off and get her out of her misery.

Hon. Benj. Patton & family have gone to summer residence at Elk Rapids, Michigan.

Mrs. I.M. Boone and Mrs. John Bevington left today for St.. Louis Michigan, to remain several weeks. Mrs. Boon for treatment for weak eyes. As it will be remembered, Dr. Combs has a sanitarium there.

Miss Ella Hartle, formerly of here now of Butte City, Montana was married to a gentleman of this place.

Paulding wants a new court house.

Number of new houses under construction, Charles Shamo to build on Cornelia.

Demand among reformers that Congress give up it's "Record".
As it is not as conducted as a report of actual occurrences, but a record only of what congressmen desire to have made.

Iced tea is popular. If you wish to have it perfect without bitterness, put the tea in cold water several hours before it is to be used. Ice a few minutes before serving.

One of the triplets referred to last week is dead, buried in Hicksville cemetery. The second seriously ill, unlikely to recover

News Aug. 10, 1882

Poisons of tobacco smoke.(Page 2, column 7) A series of experiments of Herr Kissling of Berlin, show that of all the many tocsins present in cigar smoke they are relatively unimportant compared to nicotine. Only a small part of nicotine is destroyed by fire, most passes off in smoke, which increases as the cigar shortens.(pge.2 column 7).

Andrew Squires looks taller since wife presented him with a boy.

Austin Countryman recovering from attack of malarial fever.

M.M. Crary shot a white crane 4 feet high in a Milford pond.

Lenea Peeper 22, wife of David Peeper died of consumption Aug.4, she was an acceptable member of the U.B. Church.

Gilbert Lower sold his farm at Cicero, moved to La Grange, Ind.

D.F. Randolf ordered a stave knife of John Greenbloom Co. At Rochester, N.Y. Tuesday evening, the knife arrived Thursday evening.

Aug. 3, 1865 the national debt was $78.25 per capita, now $31.72. The annual interest charge was $4.29 per capita now $1.09.

The decrease in public debt for July $13,860,027.

Guy Smith, 12 years old killed his father, will be hanged.
A donation of $32,000 might bring a rolling mill to Toledo.
River and Harbor bill passed over Pres. Arthur's veto, in spite of being denounced by many honest newspapers in the country. The shame falls on the 47th. Congress rather than party or faction. Every legislator got a good slice for his district.

High St. should be improved, farmers say High from the railroad to Main is the worst road in the country.
Mr. Eckles owner of the grist mill at Maysville victimized.
Mrs. Emma R. wife of J.W Babbage died after lingering illness, aged 23 years, 8 mo. at family residence on High St. Aug. 9. Six Cor. Leaves a husband and one child.

Dixon Edgerton arrived in town (family here at present).
The musical voices of Katy Did heard. Six weeks to frost.
Score in game of Union Club of Milford vs. White Caps; 10 to 1.
J.F. Nelson & Wash Griest were in Payne on business last week.
F.G. Knight allowed a patent on Duplex Mill Dog, to Canada to arrange sales there.

News Aug. 17, 1882
A.P. Edgerton address at unveiling of soldier's monument. Starts "Friends of the Union and those not here who fought to maintain it. Concludes in next week's news.

NOTICE: By Blodgett. Those who have heard that I sold out to Wilderson, come to my rooms and find that they were misinformed.
William Saylor of Milford killed a 7 foot blue racer.
Everyone with capital should build tenement houses, needed.
The Secretary of the Fair Board advertises for bids to serve warm meals at the fair. Also warm candy and popcorn stand. These will be the only ones given exclusive rights, all other stands will be charged $20.00 each. (33 more days to the Hicksville Fair)

Died of heart disease, Aug. 12, Newville, Stephen Olmstead, 46 Postmaster and Druggist. Rev. Oviatt of Butler Disciple Church.
Mrs. Jessie James returns a watch to owner stolen in 1880.

The B & O should be asked to make a crossing at Cornelia St.

Casebeer Block to be completed Jan. 1. John Casebeer, Defiance.
709 passenger tickets sold last month; $737.45.

A lawn fete in the orchard at the rear of the bank to raise money for a temperance reading room. Chinese lanterns, elocutionary reading by Miss Bittinger of Ft.Wayne. "Broom Drill" by the young ladies assisted by the young gentlemen. Ice cream & cake. Band.

A.P. Edgerton went to Ft. Wayne Tuesday, returns next Tuesday.
Born Aug. 12. a daughter to Mrs. Thomas Carey.
A daughter Aug. 20 to wife of Charles Thayer.
A son to the wife of H.V. Van Fleet.
A daughter to the wife of Amos Miller.
A son to wife of W.H. Bricker.
G.K. Otis & John Blosser form real estate land agency.

Ainsworth, Boon & Bevington bought a car load of wool at Spencerville and shipped it from St. Joe.

No Gambling or Liquor at the Fair.

David Miller, of Fish & Maxwell & Co. nearly severed an index finger of the right hand in a buzz saw.

LEIGH SMITH AND HIS CREW OF BOLD EXPLORERS FOUND.

The steamer Hope (British) which had gone in search, returned with those who left on the steamer Eira. Found them at Matolshkin Straits, Nova Zembla. They had lost their ship at Franz Joseph's land and proceeded in small boats through the ice.

Kerr Brothers building an addition to their warhouse.

Land Office, upstairs in Commercial Hall. Hoffman & Shepard.

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Mgr. of Ft. Wayne Fair offers a premium for champion pugilist.

G.W. Chapman and Huffman & Shepard have established a Wisconsin land office upstairs in Commercial Hall.

Today the Hicksville News is eight years old.

Council will condemn all sidewalks needing repair, once condemned only new will be acceptable.

H.H. Evans family leaving for new home at Vandallia, Michigan.

The Village Council is making strenuous efforts to gravel High Street. The B & O will transport gravel from their pit at Milford Junction; hauling it for $5.00 per car, Hicksville to load the cars. An effort now is being made to have the R.R. Co. to furnish a steam shovel to load the cars. It is thought that 100 car loads will with the repair next year make a good street. It is said this gravel is worth two from around here, no dirt, purely pebble stone.

Hicksville Schools open Sept. 1st. C.A. Fyke, Principal M.M. Farnsworth, High School. Miss Fannie Wisler of Defiance, 1st. Grammar Dept. E.O. Strong, Intermediate, Miss Nora Farmer 1st. Primary; Miss Mary Sinn, 2nd Primary; Miss Agie Stillwell, 3rd Primary.

F.A. Patterson purchased the stock of jewelry and moved into the rooms vacated by Mr. Babbage.

News Aug. 31, 1882
Williams Center:

W.G. Tomlinson starts for Ada to school.

Mr. H. Ginter of Bryan will open school here.

The foundation is being laid for S. Mackey's brick hotel.

Emanuel Riesch building a residence on Main opp. fair ground.

The B & O has an engineer 76 years old who drove a horse car on wooden rails when the R.R. was 11 miles long.

The B & O has 100 ventilating cars built for perishables.

Van Wert has caught a 9 year old horse thief the 4th time.

THB Correll erecting a building on High for a meat market.

A society formed in Cleveland for crematory, to be built soon.

John Norway sold his Cornelia home to John Swaidner, Halls Cor.

Benjamin Forlow sold his High St. property near the B.& O. to Jacob Swaidner who will build an addition and start a hotel.

Six Corners Aug. 24. Casper Ginter & Miss Emma Miller wed.

Annual meeting of the Disciple Church of DeKalb Co. took place at Newville, Indiana.

Defiance had a $500.00 fire last week. If one of our frame buildings on High St. caught fire and no fire company, thousands of dollars would be "licked up" with us standing by. We have two good town wells, we should have a means of utilizing them for fire.

On Saturday during the thunderstorm, Dwight Babbitt age 10 stepped into the hotel and leaned against the wall directly under the telephone. While standing there a vivid flash of lightening occurred, the electricity passing down the wire and being conveyed to the boy; felled him to the floor as dead. His left foot was paralyzed and remained so for 48 hours. He is recovered.

Washington: Women employees turned out to make room for men have formed a secret society to ferret out & publish cases where politicians "too mean to pay for their vices" have secured places for their mistresses in the departments.

News Sept. 7, 1882

Corn is big enough to have it's ears pulled.

Public Domain: Rapidity with which it is shrinking away.

An immense crowd of people in town Sat. business was lively.

Amateurs have drama in rehearsal for on the boards at Fair.

Closing day at State Fair, 1,500 people. Receipts $33.655.35, $5,000 more than last year.

Angels of Mercy!, cover up the disparing sight! Bustles.

Cincinnati Industrial Exposition opened, Governor present. Effort to have court adjourn during Hicksville & Defiance Fairs.

B. Webber sold marble works to John Shaffer of near Halls Cor.

The grand stand at fair improved, the space under seats closed.

W.E. Palmer wed Miss Alice Platter, Chicago wedding trip.

R.F. Kerr, W.A. Maxwell and wife, Wm. Dilworth and wife, W.E. Palmer and wife went to Chicago on the excursion.

Wm. Rex has disposed of his grocery and is to move to Colorado.

Mr. James Kleckner purchased the business.

Walt Hilton of Defiance has been appointed as "whiskey gauger". for this district (10th. revenue). Defiance firm is "rectifying".

Milford: Warren Farnsworth and Miss Ida Cary wed.

Joseph Mason age 33, dead, heart & Bright's Disease.

Wheat $.96;Corn $.80; Oats $.43; Beans $4.00;Eggs $.15;Butter $.20;Wool $.37; Apples (dry) $.05; Ham $.12;Beef $3.00;Hogs $5.50.

The Rev. N. Crary, J. Kelly and Wilson Palmer constitute the committee on arrangements for the Old Settler's day Sept. 14.

The McNiel Family entertaining at Commercial Hall. They bring their own band with them. Reserved seats.

The grand stand at the Fair is improved this year by being boarded up under the seats. It was felt to be dangerous for ladies.

Luther Loveland's home is nearing completion.

Carpenter work on James Moore's house is almost finished.

Peter Countryman & Same Saylor have each purchased a fine young bull.

Wild ducks are plentiful on the St. Joe river this season.

There has little work been done on the Thompson ditch this season.

Scipio: Picnic at Palmer's Grove.

Dunkards met in May's Wood south of Georgetown.

News Sept. 14, 1882

Antwerp has a paper, The Standard.

Benjamin Forlow received news from Leadville, Colorado that his daughter Lizie was dying. She had been there several years for her health.

Exhibitors of live stock will be pleased to hear that there will be no charge for stalls this year.

BRADY DORSEY STAR ROUTE TRIAL IN WASHINGTON.

It was not the duty of the Post Office Dept. to extend mail routes over the Rockies to serve as "pickets" for the Army. General Sherman criticized. Jury reports "no verdict". Told to return to the jury room without fire or water or comforts of civilized society till they reached a verdict.

Fish Maxwell & Co. erected a new warehous

J.W. Luce will open a saloon in Loveland Bldg. Now we have 7.

H.C. Greer & wife will farm at Colfax, Illinois.

H.F. Kintige has a horse powered "stave shaver" at his cooper shop, does the work rapidly and well.

The B. & O. went back on offer for gravel for High Street.

Jessie Cook farm, 73 A. sold to Alfred Farnsworth. $5,000.00.

News Sept. 21, 1882

The use of money in politics decried by Gen. Sherman, a thing of recent growth."I used to be elected to Congress without incurr-ing any expense to speak of. I would go from town to town in my buggy and the local committee would pay my horse and hotel fare. Then Congressmen got $8.00 per day. The increase in salary brings money into politics and is to be deplored. It is a sad state of affairs when none but the rich can be elected to office."

The fourth annual Fair to be held this week.

Nickle Plate motive power engineer Bair says road in excellent shape, will start in earnest next month.

Ten fast horses, fine entries in all departments. 1,865 total.

Edgerton Alvord, grandson of A.P. Edgerton cut himself with a hatchet. Was with his cousins in the woods below the Fair Grounds, cutting small trees for a log house. The hatchet glanced cutting the inside of his leg, cutting an artery. Bleeding profusely, his com-panions bandaged the leg above the wound, otherwise would have been serious.

John Amadon of Bryan manipulating sewing machines at the fair for W.O. Hughes & Co..

Married: Ephraim Ames and Miss Rua Mc Mahan at the Wolford residence, September 10th.

News Sept. 21,1882

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Pioneer Assoc. of Maumee Valley 1,500 attended many from a distance. Feasting, visiting, recalling the early experiences time glided pleasantly away.
Always attended by the young as well as the old, the pleasure universal.
As Dr. Rakestraw was called away the meeting was opened by Rev. Crary
Prayer by Rev. Hyde,
Music by the band,
Minutes of the former meeting read by Secretary Amos Forlow during which a motion prevailed to build a log cabin on the Fair Grounds. The chair was authorized to appoint a committee to make out the plans and specifications
L. Wilder, chairman of the log cabin building committee read the report:

Cabin to be 18 x 22 feet, will require the following material:
20 logs 22 feet long,
18 logs 18 feet long,
2 eave bearers 21 feet long,
2 cabin logs 18 feet long,
2 cabin logs 15 feet long,
2 cabin logs 12 feet long,
2 cabin logs 5 feet long,
7 ribs 21 feet long 6" at the top end,
8 weight poles 25 feet long,
4 joice 18 feet long,
3 sleepers 18 feet long, 8" at top end,
28 puncheons 10 feet long, 14 " wide,
900 shakes 3 1/2 feet long, 8" wide.
Four men to build the chimney of mud and sticks.

One door, two glass windows, 7 & 9 glass, one paper,(greased).
Material to be at Fair Ground March 1st. Complete by May 1883.
Report accepted, all material vouched for.

Dr. Rakestraw then delivered the opening address--"We see many pictures here on the wall we recognize as our friends"--

Speech by W.N. Snook- came first to Maumee Valley in 1825.

Speech by Peter Lostien of Allen County, came in 1824, at that time only one run of burrs in the Co. Ground corn in coffee mill.

Speech by Mr. Figley, moved to Ohio in 1808, assisted in the building of Fort Stevenson O. born during Washington administration.

Music by the choir.

Speech by A.P. Edgerton,"these meeting are making history for generations to come" admonished the association that only written history would live.

Speech by Mr. Nimmons of De Kalb Co. Indiana.

Came to the valley in 1833, spoke of early recollections of Hicksville..

Song by the Old Settlers.

Mr. Clark read an interesting paper.

Song by L.W. Wilder of Farmer Center.

Speech by Mr. Anderson of Maysville, Indiana.

He told of how Ohio came to be called the Buckeye State and Indiana the Hoosier State. He closed by a good exhortation.

Song by the Old Settlers.

The Committee on Obituary reported the following names of persons who have died in the past year. James Graves, James Hatch, Thomas Rerecson, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. John Price, Mrs. Mary Horton, Mrs. Kate Amaden, John Clemmer, Mrs. Joseph Murphy, Mrs. J.A. Miller, Mrs. H.J. Hulbert, Ona Allen, Mrs. S.J. Bayer, John Webb
John Knicely, Samuel Flint, Markis Headley and Isiah Johnson.

Speech by Mr. Perkins.

Collection taken up for the band.

Closing speech by S.N. Crary. spoke of the enjoyments of younger days and of the present. Poverty didn't deprive us of the enjoyments of life. Requested people to visit the Fair and see the production, rise and progress of our widely farmed land.

Adjourned to meet in one year, Thurs. nearest 14, Sept. 1883

Benediction by Rev. S.S. Hyde.

Amos Forlow, Secretary.

OLD SETTLER'S MEETING EDITORIAL

Great interest, good to recall, we should be glad to hear from those who have anything to tell of their pioneer life. Those who experienced the old way of life are leaving us, and our modes of living and customs of society have been changing with marvelous rapidity over the last 50 years. Our children and more so our grand children are already strangers to our early experience.

The flax-breakers, sickles, early swindles etc. Who now ever hears the sound of the spinning wheel, or thinks of the cards with which the flax and wool were prepared. (carded). Our history must be put on record. Our association decided yesterday to build a cabin, what should it contain? Why of course everything that pertained to a cabin when it was built 50 years ago. Furniture, cooking implements, the reflecting baker, the bake kettle and so on.

But our history must be put on record, every day and woman's history even if at an expense to the association. We want permanent record, not for immediate use but for the generations that follow us.

News Sep. 28, 1882

THE FAIR

An excellent merchant's display.

BLODGETT a display of caskets etc.
LEWIS & HERSCH ONE PRICE CLOTHIERS hats, capes, trunks etc.
G.E. COOK OF BRYAN, representative of American Organ
SOLLENBERGER BROS. showed excellent harness.
B.S. PETTIT. Beautiful display of wall paper, toilet articles.
ZIGLER & STRONG Pianos and Organs.
I.A. GINGERY Dry Goods, Cloaks and Dolmans.

down the other side:

WILDERSON their fine hearse with an elegant casket inside.
AINSWORTH BOON BEVINGTON & CO. Dry Goods, Clothing, Dolmans etc
CHARLES BASSETT Show case of jewelry.
W.O. HUGHES Two sewing machines with operators.
W.C.T.U. Parlor with temperance literature, free distribution.
U.A. SPANGLER Sewing Machines and Organs.
JOHN SHAFFER Monuments.
ANTON WEBBER Shoe maker, examples of his work.
JACOB WALTERS Good display of enlarged pictures.
Pastries and vegetables.
A large display of implements, poultry, live stock etc.

Receipts $2,000.00, in spite of the fact that neither Governor Foster of Ohio or Governor Porter of Indiana showed. Gov. Foster's campaign committee scheduled him for eastern Ohio. Speech making may not be what people want at a Fair.

B.F. Casebeer received a pair of full-blooded Poland China hogs

Fish Maxwell building an addition to house a large planer.

The new M.E. Church of East Allen Co. Springfield Twp. will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 1st. Rev. Lynch & Rev. Birch to officiate.

Dr. Rakestraw cured a cancer on the hand of W.R. Maxwell.

It is to be hoped that we will have no more trouble about ice. L.W. Wilder & L.R. Putnam purchased of A.P. Edgerton an acre of ground immediately back of Dixon St. to make an ice pond. Two fountains, will throw 3 ft. of dirt and bank it. Ice wagon next year.

Milford:

Citizens of Farmer talking of building a church, 8 citizens pledged $100.00 apiece to build it.

David & Wm. Peepers went to Defiance to demonstrate a fanning mill made in Hicksville by Hicksville Manufacturing & Lumber Co.

The "free for all" race between VELOX & ST. LOUIS was won by the latter in three straight heats. The first at 2:33; the second at 2:27 1/2; the third at 2:30. This is the best time on this track or in this part of the State.

School Census: 496 children of school age. Dist. pop. 776 males,788 females. A handsome increase since last enumeration.

David Spindler, age 35, died Sep. 25. So severely injured and shattered in health from war wounds, never recovered. Spindler Cem.

B&O struck a valuable cow belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Hackman. Since inside the corporation R.R. not liable. A hard loss as the cow was a source of income. David Wolford took up a subscription.

News Oct. 5, 1882

Shocking disaster! Destruction by fire of a Miss. Steam Boat.

Steamer ROBERT E. LEE burned to the water's edge 35 miles below Vicksburg. Freshly painted, loaded with 5000 bales of cotton, burned like gunpowder. The steamer left Vicksburg at 6 P.M. 30 passengers and a crew of 100. The fire first seen in the kitchen at 3 A.M. just below Brook's Landing. The boat was beached, the plank run our and those forward disbarked safely. Those in the rear were cut off and had to jump in the river. The crew with a small boat saved many but some were lost. The new ROBERT E. LEE was built in 1876 in Jefferson Indiana by Howards, who build the best boats on the river.

The Casebeer Block will be ready at month's end.

Governor Foster gave a speech in Commercial Hall.

An 80 horse boiler at Kerr Bros & Co. tripple draft largest.

There is entirely too much shooting in village, someone in the grove on Cornelia shot a canary in it's cage at the Palmer home.

News Oct. 12th. 1882

FRANK JAMES TURNS UP!

Surrenders himself to authorities in Missouri. Finding out that crime does not pay, he does a penitent act. Jailed a Independence, many scars (17) twice shot through the body by "minnie balls".

Jessie's monument selected in Muscatine.

Miss Amilia Swilley and Miss Adda Randolf went to Chicago.

The I.O.O.F Lodge rented upper rooms in new building N.E. corner of High and Maple. Across from Ainsworth Boon Bevington.

Isaac Dunifon Post of G.A.R. rented Otis Hall, will sublet.

Tom Stafford widower, 1 mi N. of Newville took strychnine.

The down at each end and up in the middle street crossings especially at the Central Block should be repaired. Many an unwary stubs his toe, stops and pays his compliments to the authorities.

Miss Lilly Gorgas will return from Ada, Ohio Tuesday.

Coming from the Waterloo fair last week Henry Webster's team collided with another team, throwing his wife from the buggy and injuring her slightly.

The dredge is cutting rapidly to drain Lake Okechobie, will reclaim thousands of acres of rich farm land.

C.I. Hood & Co. the great sasparilla firm of Lowell, Mass. has produced 4 handsome plaques available at 25 cents, richly colored, finely executed, especially interesting subjects. Handsome orna-ments for any home.

G.W. Chapman will start on his third trip west Monday, parties wishing to accompany him will make note. On his first trip he was accompanied by George Casebeer and son of Edgerton who decided to locate their sawmill there. His second trip by M.N. Crary and John Miller who are making preparation to move there in four weeks. N. Cole and wife and Henry Haskins were also along and report favorably of the country.

Letter from De Land, Florida. Alex Kinmont to Thomas Kinmont.

Jacksonville, ancient in appearance, center of trade, river and rail terminus. Pineapple very susceptible to cold. Most land 40 A. Colored do most of work. Crackers say typhoid brought by Northerners.

News Oct. 19, 1882

Scipio: Miss Etta Harter m Lorenzo Swaidner, by L. Huzzy.

Sowing salt on wheat to stay off problem of flies.

West End: Solomon Hart of Lexington, Ill. visiting.

Corn husking begun, several parties working on Thompson ditch.

B&O Low rates west, can travel without the aid of land agents.

Suit by Gabe Fish over land title. Sec 1 Twp. 4 N range. Def.Co.

Lynching at Evansville. Hume Redmon who murdered his wife at Mt. Vernon, taken from the jail despite the resistance of Sheriff. One lyncher killed (brother of the murdered woman) others injured.

Last week U.E. Babb & W.E. Rex went west to look up a location.

George Otis will retire from business for ill health.

C.S. Grahm & family leaving for Austin, Texas and sheep raising.

Redman Greer and Miss Louisa Lash married by Rev. J.J Lilly.

Telgraph lines being built through here for Postal Telegraph a New York Corporation. N.Y. to Chicago. The principle use the grain market, but local use as well.

Cincinnati Exposition closes, 350,000 attended, receipts were $84,000; expenses $65,0000, net $19,0000.

Last Saturday night at Auburn Junction, a train on the Ft. Wayne, Saginaw R.R. ran into the middle of a train passing on the B & O. Badly broke up a number of cars for the latter. Target man signaled both roads open.

Hugh Nelson has rented space in the Central Block formerly occupied by Van Fleet. He will move his bakery and restaurant there.

Charles Bassett moves his jewelry to the room Nelson left.

High Street will not be graveled this year, heavy hauling cuts it up severely.

More Fair premiums.

News 26, October 1882

B & O unfortunate, a switch engine at Auburn Junction pushed cars into a stock train passing, derailing some of the cars.

Mrs. States, nee Anna Babbage, Salem, Oregon; a son born.

Five year old bridge at Newville pronounced unsafe.

The B & O using a steam shovel in the dirt pit just across the Indiana line filling up the Shaw Trestle.

Mrs. Jacob Ginter, nee Mrs. George Miller of Chesaning, Michigan visiting..

Elmer Partee married to Miss. Emma Lehman, both of Defiance.

The monument of the late Governor Williams of Indiana was demolished in the wreck at Auburn Junction.

J.B.Hootman has purchased the farm of N.Z. Stone in Milford. The farm adjoins 40 acres Mr. Hootman has owned for some time.

News, 2, November 1882

G.K .Otis has retired from Otis and Co. in poor health, his father Merrill Otis will take his place in the firm.

B & O excursions to Harrison Burn, Virginia. Color, Shenandoa, Bicentennial of William Penn landing celebrated in Philadelphia.

Twenty nine new homes built in Hicksville this year.

Adam Ridenouer and wife, a son born the 30th. of October.

Jane Mastin marries Jacob Sawyer 26th. October.

The gentleman from Fort Wayne who purchased the Forlow building near the railroad to convert to a hotel, is fitting it up for business.

The vote to build a four county children's home failed by 2,300 votes.

Lucius Gale and wife of Cicero toured Iowa and Nebraska, they want to sell their farm and relocate in Logan, Nebraska.

A list of all the new construction and improvements in Hicksville during 1882.

News 9, November 1882

Articles on Mormon Polygamy, and proselyting.

A.P. Edgerton went to Ft. Wayne to vote Tuesday.

Gilbert Lowers moving to La Grange, Indiana.

Roads in bad shape, Lost Creek to Six Corners particularly.

Body of Mr. Zigler, thirty year old bachelor, missing two weeks, found in the St. Joe river. His feet stuck in the mud, his pockets filled with stones.

Mr. Ringwalt, tile and brick maker in Allen Co. for 13 years, has built a new home, it required 200,000 of tile and 355,000 brick.

Charles Grandey and Miss. Meyer, Miss. Susan Grindle, Ashland Co. visited Peter Countryman this week. Peter is building a fine upground cellar, adding a commodious cow stable to his barn.

News 16, November 1882

A lizard found in a large piece of limestone when split, ALIVE.

Defiance merchants back to old practice, staying open as long as there is a chance to catch a nickel.

Frank Coughanouer resumed teaching Dutch Street School.

Citizens of Williams County very displeased with the County History now being delivered.

Frank Forlow left to take charge of the Ayersville School.

All of the new business buildings built in Hicksville this year have been roofed with gravel fire resistant.

The U.B. Parsonage roofed with slate. Wood shingles @$6.00, a square, Slate @$7.00.

News 23, November, 1882

The old cemetery south of Shells Corners is being cleaned up and fenced.

Sherwood: George Renz and Miss. Lydia Rock married.

The fall term of Hicksville schools over, winter term starts Monday.

Butler came near panic on the rumor that the Wabash shops are to move out.

U.E. Babb, W.A. Rex, and Isaac Maxwell returned from Dakota where they purchased farms adjoining, they intend to move in the spring.

Hanna Ditch, Crane Township, completed for two miles.

Williams Center Cheese Factory closes for the season.

100 dollars in prizes: a $75.00 music box; a $25.00 large wax doll, at Pettit's. A ticket with every 25 cent purchase. Drawing the second of December.

News 30, November, 1882

Williams Center: Mr. Ginter's term of Select School closes today, he will teach the village school this winter.

Thurlow Weed is dead. Veteran journalist and politician.

Owing to the interference of some parties in Defiance the pail factory will not locate here.

Edgerton will have a paper, edited by J.R. Smalley of Montpelier.

Diphtheria prevails in the country, a number of deaths in Mark Township.

The sudden death of Mrs. George K. Otis, rheumatic neuralgia, went to her heart, death in six hours. Aged 36, daughter of Peter Hilbert of Cicero, left husband and two children. Burial in Six Corners cemetery.

Fines for hauling more than 2,500 pounds, 15 November to 15 May.

News 7, December, 1882

Council passed an ordinance for repair and replacement of sidewalks.

Edgerton to have a town hall of two stories, 49 x 70.

Miller Brothers & Co. have rented rooms 2 and 3 in the Casebeer Block, a hole being knocked in the brick partition to join them.

The B & O RED BOOK good to have in the house, "How twos done" election statistics and comparisons. Free on request.

News 14 December 1882

A letter from Florida, E.M.Horton to William Haller, Dear Uncle--.

Timber coming to town, making things lively.

Cory Bros. Co. stave manufacturer has been dissolved, Parker & Randolf succeeded to the business. A.F. Cory moves to Hicksville, J.F. stays in Paulding.

Phillip Huber, son of Felix Huber, aged 32 died of Typhoid after 31 days, services at the Lost Creek Lutheran Church, Rev. Wisner.

Soldiers Attention: War Claim Attorney in Defiance County.

News 21, December 1882

Tree planting in Nebraska.

Copy of Hotel bill incurred at the MANSION HOUSE, now WILLARDS by Judge Patton at the inauguration of President Jackson.

March 1,	Supper lodging and fire	$ 1.25
	candles, 25, 5 cigars .25	.50
	candles,	.25
	4 days board @ $ 1.25	5.00
	4 days fire @ .50	2.00
	breakfast	.50
	Total	$ 9.50

Submitted by A.P.Edgerton.

Transfers:	A.P.Edgerton to Alfred Welker lot 79 Hicksville	$ 300.
	Edward Welker to Alice Price lot 79 Hicksville	900.
	A.P.Edgerton to Isaac Miller, lots 31-38	311
	A.P. Edgerton to Lonzo Jump, parcel, Hicksville	215
	John Summers to B.F. Nelson 22 acres	20.

Williams Center: A.H. Hughes leaves here for Hicksville having purchased a half interest in the Bowker Livery Stable.

The saw mill is running an eight hour schedule

Neighbors of John R. Johnson met at his farm at Six Corners with twenty-four teams, a man for every team, and assisted in hauling timbers preparatory to building a new barn replacing the one that burned.

News 21 Dec. 1882

I. W. Ackley is learning the barber trade.

The OPTIMETER will tell you the # of the glasses that will fit the eye. Pettit has the instrument. You need spectacles? Go to Pettit.

G.K. Otis and R.F. Kerr have purchased equal interests in the agricultural implement business of Merrill Otis.

News 28, Dec. 1882

B. Forlow has returned from the east.

Frank Forlow was at home visiting over Christmas.

Oliver Farnsworth died Dec. 24, aged 86. Burial in the Hicksville cemetery.

Casper Ginter, Frank Lawson and Jacob Sawyer are cutting timber in Indiana west of Antwerp, Ohio.

The Christmas tree at the Thompson School was a success in every way. Although the house was crowded the order and attention was good. Short speeches by Hon. John J Winbiggler of Jeromesville, Ohio, F. M. Thompson and John A. Hootman.

A letter from Eustis Fla. from nephew E.M. Horton to Wm. H. Haller.

Mrs. Libbie Batchelor age 31, wife of Wesley Batchelor died Dec. @5.

Louisa, wife of Henry Beech, age 29 daughter of George Dorsey died Dec 19. Maysville, pastor Meyers of Scipio Church.

Behind the bars of Bryan's jail 7 lads between 16 & 22. A fast age we live in.

Nuptuals of Mr. Chas. Bassett and Miss Carie Ainsworth, Saturday evening.

Garden Works Washing Machines are giving good service.

West End. The Hicksville News.

REUNION OF THE HART FAMILY SEPTEMBER 30, 1883. residence of Johnathon Hart. Milford Township, Defiance Co. Ohio was a success. The day being fair pedestrians and those in carriages began to arrive at an early hour and by 12 o'clock the assembly numbered 231. Of this number 46 were under 10 years of age. Persons present from Hicksville, St.Joe, Butler, and Edgerton. The following were present from abroad: Frank Winegardner, D.N. Hart and wife, and Susan Farmer of Columbia City, Indiana. Miss Anna Hart and Shannon Hart, Ashland;,O. Dr. Emerson Hart and wife, Kendalville, Ind. Mrs. Cordelia Munn and daughter Mable, Des Moines, Iowa. John Glesner, Marion, Ind. Miss Laura Munn, Englewood, Kansas.
The crowd being assembled groups of men and groups of ladies were seen in all directions holding high carnival. While a number of boys and young men were in the meadow playing base ball. A goodly number of younger children were presided over by older persons. A great deal of amusement from a couple large swings that had been erected over the barn floor. Thus the time was spent until 12 o'clock when the assembly was called to order and listened to beautiful music by a selected choir consisting of Paul B. Hootman, Miss Alta Countryman,Miss Zeta Mason, Mrs. Mattie Countryman, with Miss Lillie Countryman presiding at the organ. Music was followed by prayer by Rev. Thomas of Newville.

Two immense tables had been erected in the yard and had begun to fairly moan under their weight, while it was noticeable that those who had had an early breakfast wore a hungry look. Laughter and merriment was heard on all sides as the multitude was invited to the bountiful repast and the tables were surrounded by young and old.
By request we made the following notes: Waltz Landis with out the aid of knife and fork handled that turkey, and with what contempt does Nelse Smith view the roasted pig. One would judge that Elder J.A. Hootman was getting well up in the ministry from the way the chicken bones collected around his plate, while Frank Winigardner and Dr. Hart each appeared to have a peculiar knack of diminishing the magnitude of the cakes that were in their midst.

Dinner being over some music was served by a volunteer choir with Miss Mary Sleesman at the organ, after which followed the election of a permanent chairman and the proper officers for the coming year. Elected were: W.S.Hart, Pres., Mrs. E.C.Hart Secretary, Miss Lillie Countryman, and Miss Zetta Mason, Corresponding Secretaries, Willis Countryman and D.N. Hart Vice Presidents; Johnathon Hart, Treasurer. Mrs. Fannier of Whitley Co.. Ind, Hiram Mason of DeKalb Co. Ind. Frederick Hart, Peter Countryman and Johnathon Hart chosen as a committee to ascertain time and place of holding the next meeting. The committee decided that Mrs. Fannier's residence in Whitley Co. Indiana one year hence.
Rev. Thomas of Newville made a short address. The ladies deserve great praise for their excellent work at the culinary department while host and hostess have the praise of all for their hospitality and kindness.
Thus ended a day of festivity long to be remembered by all present.

Following is a history of the Hart family:
George Hart , grandfather of Johnathon and Frederick Hart was born in Germany and came to this country in it's early history. They are the parents of 5 children; 3 girls and 2 boys, namely: John and Frederick. John Hart was born in New Jersey and married Elizabeth Miller in Somerset County. Pennsylvania. Parents of 15 children; 11 boys: Jacob, Ludric, Frederick, John, George, Johnathon, Samuel, Manuel, Joseph, Abraham and Isaac; 4 girls: Barbara, Elizabeth, Susan, and Catherine. These children raised to man's estate. First to die was Manuel at age 22. John Hart father of the above family moved to Asland in 1835. His wife died in this County in 1852. In 1850 he moved to DeKalb Co. and in 1854 married Catherine Bungard
widow of John, He was married to Susan March also a widow who survived him several years
Children of the above family now living are: Frederick, John, George, Johnathon, Samuel, Abram, Isaac, Elizabeth and Susan. All of whom married and raised families except Susan, who had no children.
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FOR EVERY MAN WITHOUT GOING AWAY TO FIND EITHER

MORE CHOICE LOTS CHEAP AND ON EASY TERMS OF PAYMENT

SUBSTANTIAL GROWTH OF HICKSVILLE ASSURED BY IT'S NATURAL ADVANTAGES, RAILROAD AND BY THE EFFORTS OF IT'S ENTERPRISING BUSINESS MEN, AND THE FACILITIES FOR OBTAINING CHEAP PROPERTY FOR BUSINESS AND RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES

Having sold all the lots heretofore laid out, additional town and acre lots have been laid out and are now for sale cheap.

If men who move away from Ohio and Indiana to Dakota and the far west would here use the like industry and economy they are forced to use in their new homes, they would find here a larger profit and more comfort.

Rapid improvement is made for a time in a new country, because necessity compels harder work and more economy, but soil climate fuel and other things, must in the end determine the advantages of any country

Here we are neither dried up by hot winds, blown out by hurricanes, drowned out by floods, frozen out by blizzards, nor eaten up by grasshoppers. But we have the soil and the climate and rains in Season all to give us abundant crops, according to our work and a ready market for what we have to sell, and a cheap market in which to buy. And we don't like the snail, have to carry our houses on our backs when we move, as do those who go into a new country where nothing can be found to build either houses, barn or fences. There is no cry here for wood to burn nor for water to drink.

Advertising is a most efficient aid to business success any where. People have been lured from East of the Mississippi to the new territories and states beyond it by the potency of R.R. advertising. R.R. corporations and speculators are the owners of thousands of acres of land in the west and in the contests for business for the roads and for the sales of land they have made ingenuity and tact in advertising a high art. Our restless "moving" people pleased with pictures and following the promises of advertisements are wasting their labor and substance in a vain search for the prosperity and content they might have secured at home. Wishing has taken the place of work, and wishing of all employments is the worst. It is an expedient to be poor. Work wherever you are is the best expedient to be rich.

So stay where you are, where schools, churches, roads, mills and factories are already built. Be more industrious and economical and you will find that there is more shine in a dollar earned here, than in five dollars earned in a new country.
For lands and lots apply to - A.P.Edgerton   April 12, 1883 The adv. ran many weeks as is.

THE NEWS Jan.4, 1883

Mr. D.S. Cowhick purchased R.F. Kerr's interest in the Hicksville Flouring Mills. His management of the mill has pleased the patrons.

100 postcards sent to those who promised logs for the cabin.

Wedding licenses: William H. Getrost and Miss Alice Forlow.
Charles Bassett and Miss Carrie M. Ainsworth.

J.D. Kerr left for Chicago to enter the Junior Department of the Union College of Law. A department of the University of Chicago and North Western.

Miss Libbie Batchelor buried at Six Corners.

Wesley Batchelor appreciates the help and concern of friends.

Mr. N.J. Love thanks those who helped put out the fire in his building.

Oliver Farnsworth, born Woodstock, Winsor County Vermont 1796. died Dec. 27, 1882, aged 86 yrs. 6 mo. 6 da. Emigrated to N.Y.City then to Stark Co. Ohio in 1837, from there to Williams now Defiance County in 1841. Settled on a 1/4 section which he secured by entry three years previously, having traveled on foot for that purpose and resided thereon for a number of years. Occupation carpentry, suffer- ed as an invalid past fifteen years, aged companion survives with nine children.

Most fashionable and universally enjoyable event.The marriage of Mr. Charles Bassett and Miss Carrie Ainsworth, Thursday evening at eight by Rev.C.W.Tanneyhill in the elegant home of Mr.J.M. Ainsworth

Presents were numerous and expensive, a sumptuous dinner elegantly served. Later the happy couple and guests repaired to the depot where the couple took the West Bound. Expected home Saturday. The guests and their gifts listed.

Death of Libbie Spindler, Dec. 25, 2882. Born Aug. 18, 1851 in Clear Creek Twp. Fairfield Co. Ohio. moved in 1856 to Jerico; in 1876 to Penn. to nurse brother, returned to Ohio 1877, married to Wesley Batchelor by Rev. Andrew Fish.

Drawing for the Krotz Grand Opera House in Defiance. Cost $40,000. Plus $2,000.00 in cash prizes. Monies deposited in the Merchant's National Bank.

Lost creek school being taught by W. Richardson.

News Jan. 11, 1883

Messrs Perry Swann and Peter Kyle who with their families recently moved to Wisconsin and settled near Colby, were completely burned out. Both were living in a house owned by G.W. Chapman of Milo. A fire was kindled at 5 A.M. and in a few minutes the home was wrapped in flames.

transfers:

Mary Hall to Amos Forlow Lot 6 in Hicksville	$ 500.00
Amos Forlow to J. A. Miller & others lot 6	500.00
Francis Horton to Albert Hilbert 80 A. Farmer	6,000.00
David Ridenouer to August L. Ridenouer 80 A.Farmer	4,000.00
August L. Ridenouer to David 123 A. in Milford	6,100.00
Mary E. Cook to Albert Farnsworth a parcel	4,029.00

Milford: Thompson school has a new bell.

Six Corners:

Deardorf's house had a narrow escape from fire. Defective stove pipe allowed fire to fall on floor. Burned a hole 3 feet square by the time they came home from church.

Ben Kelsey is busy selling tile for Forlow's mill.

Wilseyville: B. Osmun & daughter of Lima visiting friends & relatives.

President Arthur has been persuaded that the life of a presi-dent is not a happy one.

Rev. Hill recently returned from Alaska speaking on temperance, says" The Indians will give away wife and children to get liquor."

A violent earthquake felt in Northern Ohio between two & three Saturday A.M.

The Government has sold during 1882: 15,699,548 A. of land receiving $8,361,901. 6,347,729 A. taken as homesteads,3,910.212 A. were purchased for cash. Acquired for improvement as farms or for the minerals they contain.

Wabash, Indiana has satisfied itself that electric light is adequate for lighting toy stores and hotels but for lighting a city is almost as inefficient as Diogenes' lamp. According to the Wabash Courrier electricity is alleged to light the city's emphatically damned. The few who favored the purchase of the fraud nearly three years ago are rapidly being brought to realize how utterly worthless it is and the prospect of abandonment is cheering.

Calvin Mavis' barn burned, 2 miles north of Farmer. A valuable Clydesdale stallion "Bob" had it's throat cut, a team had been re-leased. Incendiary.

B. Webber has purchased L. Ferris' saloon near the depot.

The Bryan Boot & Shoe Co. determined to close as soon as the material on hand is used up.

100 cords of stave bolts received at Randolfs Saturday.

Every day the streets are thronged with teamsters hauling timber of all kinds. Hicksville Mfg. have over 2,500 logs.

Two elm logs contain over 2,500 feet.

News Jan. 18, 1883

Judge Patton's Jackson Day speech in Cleveland. 3 1/2 columns.

The speaker 72 years of age related the experience of having break-fast with the president. Was placed in a position of trust as U.S.Attorney of Western Penn. at the age of 21. "He gave me my start in life". At his inauguration in 1829 he did not ride in a gilded carriage but walked, part of the way bare headed.

Three or four years later I sat with him after breakfast in the Whitehouse executive chamber, reading Mr. Webster's speech attacking him. His comment " I wouldn't mind what the fellow said if he stuck to the truth'. Later I had dinner not at a groaning table but a common farmer's repast.

Dick Edgerton in town, A.P. arrived last week.

Kintigh and Frederick New Meat Market, opp. Commercial Block.

Defiance to have a new circulating library of 1,500 volumes.

Attempt to legislate away canal property in Columbus.

Logs for Old Settler's Cabin coming in rapidly.

A bill to authorize Twp. Trustees to certify to the Co. Auditor the amount of judgment against persons refusing to perform two days labor on the public roads to the tax duplicate.

The rooms in Casebeer Block for Miller Bros. almost completed.

Judge Bowersox of Wms. Co. has introduced a bill amending sec. 6812 so that any person attempting suicide and not being successful shall go to the penitentiary 2 to 15 years. (as in New Jersey law)

Paulding County has 15 stave factories, when all completed should turn out 45 to 50 million worth $300,000 (if they operate 150 days)

A bill to eliminate the bounty on hawks and great horned owls. Bankrupting some counties. People hunting in Indiana and Michigan are bringing scalps to Ohio for the 50 cent bounty.

Peter Countryman and wife visited friends in Whitley County.

M. Haller hauled 2 logs for the Old Settler's Cabin.

News Jan. 25, 1883

A company in California engaging in Ostrich Culture, $1,000 each

The government is willing to pay $15,000 for the house in which President Lincoln died.

South Carolina raised the legal limit on interest from 7 to 10%.

transfers:

A.P. Edgerton to A.C. Warner, lot 75 Edg. 2nd. adn.	$151.78
A.P. Edgerton to Louisa Wort, lot 25 in Hix.	375.00

The death roll of 1882 includes a long list of well knowns: Charles Darwin Sen. Ben Hill of Georgia, Thurlow Weed N.Y. City. Ralph Waldo Emerson of Mass. Henry W. Longfellow, Dr. Hays arctic explorer, Mrs. Abraham Lincoln and Mrs. Daniel Webster.

The B&O to build a bridge 100 feet high and 500 feet long over the Brandywine at Wilmington Del. Extension, Balt. to Phil.

The Civil Service Bill is now law, if frankly and honestly carried out it means the down fall of debasing influence of party patronage.

H.V. Van Fleet has been prop of Webster mills for two years has moved to Marysville,Ind. leaving his son Downy and Jacob Christoffel to operate the mill.

The Ohio Penitentiary made a profit of $16,000 last year.

Dr. Rakestraw went to Seneca Co. to treat several cancer cases..

Mr. G.K. Otis will spend the winter at St. Louis. , Michigan.

Last Saturday one of the cars of a "mud train" broke through the culvert east of the water tank, delaying west bound train two hours.

George Foust and family left for Lake Eustice, Fla. his two farms have doubled in value, he will raise oranges.

Rev. Joseph (Bishop) Talbot death. Episcopal Church Bishop of Indiana, slipped and fell on icy pavement hastening his demise. Had often visited A.P. Edgerton and Hicksville.

News Feb. 1, 1883

A bill in the house to license Pharmacists.

Chicago receives 24 carloads of oysters a day. They send half on to the west unbroken.

The vast amount of timber being moved this winter assures work for spring and summer. Hicksville Mfrg. has their lot full and is storing on the lot back of the school building.

Piute Indians of Northern Nevada starving. Cold weather pre-vented hunting, settlers are contributing to their support and fear that their cattle and sheep may be killed. Over 800 Piutes, few jobs available, no government annuities.

Hamen Emry brought to town in one load 3 logs 1,707 feet.

Kelley & McElroy drove from Farmer to Hicksville in 65 minutes.

Henry Hersch arson case, not guilty verdict.

Wm. Lash hauling nice 13" ice from Forlow's pond.

B.S.Pettit has rented the corner room in the Casebeer Block. He has rented his place to Adam Cline of Antwerp who will stock boots and shoes.

Crowl and Arnold will be making washboards. O.R. Hopkins who has been making them in Wisconsin has moved here.

During the year the State paid $100,000 for Eagle and Hawk scalps. The loss from vermin the birds would have killed was much higher.

Krotz Opera House at Defiance burned. A loss of $30,000 with insurance of $22.500. A few months ago was put up for disposal by lottery at $2.00 per ticket. 10,000 tickets were sold, the money will be refunded. Incendiary, started in a dressing room, no stoves and there was an explosion. Raymer Seagrave of Toledo has a first mortgage of $16,000. Mr. Krotz was served with papers to turn it over to a trustee; refused and the sheriff was to serve the day of the fire. Defiance is robbed of a beautiful edifice.

It seems so strange when our State and Twp. are doing so much for the cause of education and that youth have so many privileges that there should be so many boys and girls arrive at

manhood and womanhood in almost total ignorance. We think parents can not do a more harmful thing than to allow children all winter long to do worse than nothing instead of going to school.
Farmer: Sleighing is fast fading.

The Farmer dramatic company to give entertainment, Motes Hall.
Six Corners: Royce and Bly Historians are canvasing this community.
Frank Forlow made a flying trip home last Saturday.
R. Richardson teaching a class in vocal music.
Mr. Amsbaugh of Fayette is inspecting the tile works here.
Ben Kelsey is happy!. He found the tag in the tobacco that entitles him to a watch.

News Feb. 8, 1883
NOTICE: Having concluded to make the treatment of cancer a specialty I would say no cure no pay. B.M. Rakestraw M.D.

General Comstock says the Miss. river cannot be made navigable the year around for less than 60 million. Some say with rail development the river is unimportant. However some say the competition is necessary to keep freight rates down.

Capital stock of $100,000 for a firm to build a glass works in Toledo. An immense amount of white sand of fine purity is available.

The Ohio State Sentinel of Columbus and the Weekly Advocate of Zanesville organs of the Greenback Party urge the Democrats to nom-inate Judge Patton for Governor.
Advertisement for the Columbus Dispatch. $15.00 worth of books and a one year subscription for $2.00. Secrets of Progressive Agriculture, Swiss Family Robinson, Household Picture Book, Cast up by the Sea, The Life and Times of Garfield, The Complete Poultry Book, In Door and Out, Genteel Manners, Family Doctor Book, The Handy Horse Book.

Lewis and Hersch - FIRE BARGAINS We have moved to the Love Building immediately opposite our old stand.

Mr. N.J. Love has purchased the Drug Store at Newville and his son Ed. has taken charge..

Wilder and Putnam have put up ten hundred tons of ice. They are turning the pond over to the boys for a skating rink.

The first couple to receive a license to marry after the Co. seat moved to Bryan were Aaron Bennett and wife. He now of Evansport she diseased.

A stock company will probably be organized in Defiance to build a new Opera House.

Peter B. Cover and Lon & Alex Saltzman left for Berthold, Col.
where they expect to locate.

Drawing at B.S. Pettits; ticket #797 drawn for music box, Joseph Rowan, the doll to L.E. Griffin, ticket #5998.

The B&O bridge over Auglaize condemned, damaged by high water.

So much timber taken out of the woods this winter brings lower prices for lumber will prevail. An increase in building will result.

A number of railroad ties being cut this winter.

The Ship Timber-men have done their jobs in the area and have gone elsewhere.

Ava Gingery yard well filled with logs, getting a circular saw.

The Erie canal will require $3 million in repairs. Now that it is a free public highway it is hard to get funds to put in order.

Col. Ingersol remarks " Colleges are places where bricks are polished and diamonds dimmed".

Mrs. Tyler in Washington enjoys being the only woman who entered the Whitehouse as a bride.

There are 27 pro baseball teams in the U.S., will receive $350,000 in salaries.

Remains of Gen. Hull's army found in a gravel pit in Pleasant Twp. Hancock County.

A facsimile machine operated by turning a crank owned by Postal Telegraph can handle 2,500 words a minute.

Paulding anxious for a new R.R. surveyors are working on the right of way of the Pittsburg and Maumee R.R. working from Columbus Grove to go to the Wabash in Antwerp, passing north of court house.

Adv. It is well known that the kidneys are the human sewers which wash away impurities and debris. When they become clogged or inactive Kellog's Columbian Oil will remove the cause and effect a permanent cure.

News Feb. 15, 1883

The practice of renting out prisoners to private contractors in the South results in more severe treatment than of the slaves of yester year as the contractors have no investment in them, etc.

It costs the State 12.2 cents a day to feed the prisoners.

George Tracht brought 3 cord of wood on a pair of bobs one team

Harry Rex had the second finger of right hand severed while operating a saw at Kerr Bros. & Company.

Town dads to purchase 40 leather fire buckets. Brigade needed.

Work was commenced to remodel the dwelling next to Emanuel Murphy It will be moved to the lot of the vacated Richard's Store building and used for a store.

Nichols and Bayes are now getting brick on the ground for a two story building, 38 feet front and 100 feet deep, to be erected on a part of the same lot and to be used as a feed and livery stable.

Friday about one while the fire in the morning was being dis-cussed and measures for fire protection debated the alarm sounded as Lewis and Hersch had flames in their store room. Mr. Lewis had gone to dinner and locked the doors behind him. Some one passing saw the flames and gave the alarm. Doors were broken down in an instant but the room a completely filled with smoke that the fire only with difficulty could be located. A rear door opened allowed the smoke to rush out and a few buckets of water judiciously used put out the fire. Damaged stock adjusted for $684.00. The building owned by Mrs. Simpson damaged to $100.00. Fire originated near the stove.

Friday A.M. fire broke out in the rear part of the building occupied by Mr. Clark as a restaurant. Flames spread so rapidly that none of the contents but a sewing machine and couple chairs could be barely got out. The S.M. Boon family upstairs saved only the clothing they could grab to get out. From the building the flames rapidly spread to the building occupied by Webber's Marble shop. Only a statue and couple monuments were saved.

The building occupied by J.C. Ryan as a residence and law office and which was not 4 feet from the building was doomed from the first and in a short time was wrapped in flames. Ryan's house hold goods and law library were saved.

The buildings all were wooden structures, those occupied by Ryan and Clark owned by Wm. Babbage valued at about $1,700. on which there was $1,200 insurance,$800 on the former,$400 on the latter. M.J. Clark's restaurant and household goods valued at $1,00. insured for $700. S.M. Boon had no insurance, his loss $500. B. Webber on his stock of marble and monuments $3,000. with $600. insurance. J. Stull owned the building occupied by Webber who will not be likely to continue.

The Secretary of the Interior has decided that the R.R.s are not limited to lands immediately adjoining the road in cutting ties and obtaining other construction material.

Mrs. Langtry has netted $65,000 since coming and should make $125,000 for commitments of her program.

The Columbus Dispatch says President Arthur the most sensible President the country has, promoted from Vice. President.

New York has cut salaries of teachers and raised the pay of the janitors. The teachers, mostly women, have no political influence.

New Jersey has passed legislation prohibiting employment of children under 14 unless they have had two years schooling.

A piece of carpet on a shoe heel prevents slipping on ice.

The recent flood in Ottawa, Ohio submerged all but 14 homes.

Loss of bridges in Hancock County valued at $ 450,000.

The Harmony Dance Club will give a dance at Commercial Hall.

Old files of papers possess an inestimable value, providing the only way to supply missing links in the chain of History.

A.P. Edgerton wishes those who steal his chickens would steal some of his neighbors so he would have support in apprehending them.

News Feb. 22, 1883

Reform Governor of New York, Cleveland shaves himself rather than squandering money on a barber.

During the thaw last Friday the grain elevator sunk 3 inches.

A large number of birds froze to death in the woods.

B.F. Casebeer has sold his residence on the Ft. Wayne road to Lewis Snyder of Cedarville, Ind. Mr. Casebeer will move his family to town this Spring.

We have just printed 2,000 pamphlets on the States Rights speech to the Ohio Legislature of Hon. Benj. Patton.

J. T. Hidey to Mt. Pleasant, Mich. where he will remain the Summer selling "mill dogs" for G.F. Knight and ventilators and registers for Clay and Babb.

H. C. Shull of Halls Corners is the general agent for the LRS Suspenders, appointed by Dilworth & Maxwell local agents.

Paulding Center arranging to build a city building 40 x 80 and two story. Will have an engine room for Prison, Mayor's office and the fire department, etc.

Someone living high in town, their palate as fine as their boldness is great. The chicken roost of A.P.Edgerton has been robbed of 40 in a couple months. Did one man or a gang eat them all?

D. Stull getting material to erect a building where the marble shop burned. To be occupied by John Shaffer succeeding Webber.

Six Corners:

A. Forlow cut an oak tree on his farm last week which made 5 logs 12 feet long and scaled 5,021 feet. Adam Kisabet hauled them with one span of horses.

Ney: There was no singing Sat. nite, water too hi for teacher.

J.M. Partee has purchased a 1/3 interest in the tile factory owned by Snyder and Hanna.

The late Thomas Mc Cartney born in Dublin, married Elizabeth O'Niel Feb. 1849. They shipped out from Liverpool the same year on April 14, arrived in New York the 12 of June. (now takes 7 to 12 days). Settled in Medina Co. 4 years then to Hix Twp 1853.

Subscription for a church at Hall's Corners, 30 x 40 to be finished October, an M.E. Church.

A.P. Edgerton on chicken thieves. etc.

If parents who go to Revival meetings at night not knowing where their children are, and who cook their breakfast with wood stolen by their children from the neighbors, need not think they are helping anybody to heaven.

Sap pails $1.65 per dozen at W.O Hughes

Three pound pail of ground coffee w. silver spoon, 60 cents.

News March 1, 1883

Ice for the first time in memory closed Lake Michigan.

An English Society Paper states that Mrs. Hicks-Lord is shortly to be married to a wealthy nobleman of England. She is worth 2,000,-000 pounds.

FIRE SALE at Lewis and Hersch.

The Citizens of Bryan have contributed $34,000 and six miles of right of way to secure the Cin. Van Wert & Michigan R.R. May cross the B & O at Sherwood.

Fossil bones and petrified logs discovered in Idaho and Montana near Custer's battle ground.

2,000 kegs of beer consumed in Hicksville last year. 177 glasses for each man woman and child.

When a man's upper story is empty, his mouth will advertise it.

Pulaski Twp. Wms. Co. has voted $40,000 for a spur to the B&O.

In 1882, 5,723,190 pounds of grain bought by Hicksvile buyers. Hicksville pays 1 to 4 cents more for grain.

An Ohio girl has died of brain fever taking two years school in one.

Married by Rev. Lilly; Frank Myers & Miss Martha Mastin.

Dayton floods of 1832 & 1847 followed by Cholera, extra sani-tary vigilance in the cities is indicated.

Young ladies are collecting locks of young men's hair tying it with ribbon and placing in an album.

G.K. Otis on St.Louis Michigan and Magnetic Springs. Excellent, Dr.Combs and Andrews never fail to make their customers feel at home

Bathing and drinking the water has brought about many cures.

During 1882 Hicksville saloons received on the average about 40 kegs of beer every week, 2,080 kegs for the year. Each keg con-tains 8 gal. or 32 quart, one quart makes 4 glasses, retailing at five cents, thus each keg retails at $6.40. So Hicksville consumers spent $13,312 for beer, whiskey ale & wine would exceed this so it will be seen at a glance that temperance workers have a large field of labor before them.

Thorton Dowell purchased the meat market of I.E. Kintegh, who will move to Dakota.

Dr. J.S. Moore has sold his interest in the dental office of Moore & Tannehill. He will travel Illinois & Minnesota and to Dakota where he will likely locate.

Chicago some weeks ago and now Albany N.Y. compels the tele-graph and Electric Companies to put their wires underground, by March 1885. As the telegraph Co. in Chicago did not comply, by March 1883, their wires were cut, Mutual Union Telegraph Co. Unless western Union plants it's wires by May 1st, same penalty.

200,000 acres of cheap land in Wisconsin $4 to $10 per acre.
Well timbered, reduced rates on the R.R. $20.65 round trip. A farm for $50.00 cash and $100.00 per year. Chapman, Hoffman & Shepard.

News March 8, 1883

Mrs. Langtree has been elected a member of the New Orleans baseball club. Honorary.

Chicago claims to have packed 2,475,000 hogs, past season.

Daniel Wentworth traded his Michigan farm for one south of town.

Miss Amelia Swilley returned from several days in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hackman returns sincere thanks to those who assisted her at the time of illness and death of her son Steven, born Erie Co. Penn. Died of consumption.

Defiance is not so slow a city, all the rubbish lays on the pavement from the fire of the Krotz Opera Block, a thorofare too.

Auditor Tittle settled with the township: Corp. road fund $1,263.18; Corp. Fund $224.98; Hicksville Special School District, $3,021.45; Hicksville Twp. Road Fund $867.50; Twp. Fund $408.87; School $901.77.

Miller Bros. will move their stock to rooms in Casebeer Block.

Burning of I.B. Blakeslee table factory, 12:45 Sunday A.M.
Loss $3,500, frame, dry materials. Building on the next lot owned by Mrs. Gingery had a close call. Firm was doing well but the loss leaves in question whether they can continue.

Milford:

John Smith leaves wife and elopes with hired girl, a buxom German lass. Took train at Butler.

Williams Center:

W.S. Tomlinson will put in two miles of tile.

H. Bender marries Miss Mary E. Nearing.

The Institute Committee will meet at the Union Hotel in Hicks-ville March 10, 1883, a full attendance desired. F.L. Forlow, Chm.

News March 15, 1883

The first Temperance Society organized in Saratoga, N.Y.

In some Toronto factories young girls are whipped fordisobedience and neglect of work.

In England it costs as much to move a bushel of grain 25 miles as it costs to ship it from America.

60,000 miles of telephone wire, 80,000,000 communications. When you consider, telephone first used in 1877, fast development.

Wm. Steel, Frank Scott, Charley Sholl, B.L. Kelsey & Greg Balser have hired to Forlow & Co.

George Goller again in insurance business. Farmer Mutual.

Miss Rosa Hilbert to teach Spring term at Six Corners.

Plattsburg Republican:

A.P. Edgerton of whom many pleasant remembrances are entertained by Plattsburg residents who were young some time ago says in renewing his subscription for 53rd time. %3 years yet I wonder why people think I am growing old. seventy years are not many to me looking backward, looking forward they are an eternity. The paper a weekly is currently the 10th. number of the 73rd. year.

Total debt of Defiance County is $104,100.

Sculptor Carl Mehans to produce a statue of Garfield for Ohio.

Woman Suffrage in Wyoming since 1869. The Laramie Sentinel commenting on the results of the experiment declares that the results are:

That fewer women fail to vote than men.

That women are less persistent office seekers, and when elected are good officials.

That they are entirely free in their action.

That the polls once riotous are as orderly as churches.

That there are no signs of demoralization.

That the votes and influence of women have double the power of the better element in society.

With such results attending this first experiment upon what grounds can objection be argued to the extension of suffrage to women elsewhere?

Married 14th. Mr. F.A. Patterson and Miss Jennie Cunningham. at the parsonage by J. W. Lilly. Took midnight train east.

Six Corners: Marriage of Mr. J.M. Pile & Miss Ella Meek,by Lilly. Fifty invited guests,(listed with gifts) Mr.Pile Prof. of Mathematics in Metropolitan College in Chicago. The bride well known as a teacher. They will visit with S.E. Meek brother of the Bride in Bloomington, Ind. then to Chicago where they expect to reside.

Bill prohibiting the killing of deer except Oct.15 to Nov.20.

Died Wed. 7th. Henry Beree aged 83 years, 8 mo. J.W. Lilly preached in English, followed by Rev. Charles Shamo in German. intered Newville.

M.V. Starr appointed Sec. of Fair Co. replacing S.J. Moore who resigned

Bryan:

Jacob Halm caught in the machinery of his brewery killed in-stantly.

$319.50 paid for owl and hawk scalps in Defiance Co. .50 each.

Spencerville has no saloons, we could spare one.

The old Richards Bldg. moved to lot opposite Swilley House. Adam Cline of Antwerp will have a stock of boots and shoes.

Cigarette smoking so common in Philadelphia school children that health warnings are being posted in every text book.

Two more seasons to complete Washington Monument. 250 ft. yet.

Jurors are now allowed $1.00 a day in Justice Court.

Total fines assessed in County last year was $37.00.

A.P. Edgerton remarked the other day "when I examine the files of a newspaper, the first thing I do is to scan the advertisement, for I find the history of every man who did business in the town.

Rev. May of Defiance held Episcopal Service at St. Pauls Thurs.

The Wabash House destroyed by fire Tuesday A.M. A cigar maker John Wright was burned.

William Tittle charged with seduction found in Michigan.

Miss Rosa Hilbert teaching at Six Corners.

Amos Forlow & B.L. Kelsey to Adrian for tile makers convention.

Dave Meek and George Dickerhoof have bought the Battershell stock of goods at Cicero and will run the country store.

Ney: Railroad fever high in Georgetown.

Died of congestion of brain, son of Brice Hanna, age 5.

George Goller in Insurance business again for Farmer Mutual.

Hicksville: Try Casebeer & Snyder's pressed beef.

Fire burned the four best business rooms in Paulding.

Miller Haller, post master at Wilseyville for 15 years has resigned. Probably no other person would give the time, so likely will end the post office there.

Kerr Bros, employing 40 hands, shipped barley forks to Calif.

Fish Maxwell planing the lumber that goes to Dakota for building U.E. Babb's house as well as a portion of Isaac Maxwell's house at the same place.

Died infant son of Hiram Mason.

Another car load of horses shipped to Buffalo, $2,300 paid.

Vacating the office of Street Comm. now duty of Marshal.$500.

Six Corners: Louis Forlow visiting here from Millersburg.

Fayette, Ky. a hog, 1,200 pound,10 feet in girth.

First patent issued U.S. a process for mfr. of potash. Steven Hopkins, Signed by Washington, Jefferson and Edmund Randolf.

News March 29, 1883

Six recent smallpox cases in Buffalo. Rag sorters in warehouse.

Australian Angry Tree. When the sun goes down the leaves fold together and the smaller branches coil toward the trunk. When moved to a larger pot it's leaves stood up toward the sky and it gives such an offensive odor it had to be put out side.

Napoleon is considering the necessity of gas lamps.

Sat. a son born to wife of Ora Gilbert. Hicksville Twp.

Israel & W.E. Richards are agents for Russell Patent Fence.

In the past 18 months.Alex Bevington has cried 35 sales selling $20,700 of property.

A number of Miss Amelia Swilley's friends had an enjoyable time at the union House Tuesday evening.

Married Mar.27th. Hon John M. Willit and Mary B. Conley.

Milford-Hicksville Twp. Protection Assoc, has 60 members.

Great need of cleaning High St. Brick, ashes, lumber scattered.

Mrs. Huber will sell at Auction one Deering twine binder, one Champion mower, one McHenry grain drill and other machinery all new.

Kerr Bros. sent a car load of tent pins to St.Louis; Handles to Peoria.

President Garrett of B&O awarded a plaque to Robert Rittenouer for the best average section of track at the smallest expense on the second subdivision on the Chicago Division of the road.

Republican Caucus		Democratic Caucus
J.L.Bevington,	Treas.	Amos Miller
Louis Webb	Assessor	Frank Clemmer
C.G. Shepard	Clerk	M.V. Starr
G.Brown/D.Peeper	Constables	Hall Miller & Sim. Brinker
J.Carr,H.Moore,J.Bunnel	Trustees	A.Henly, B.Mastin, U.Hattery
John Berger	Justice Peace	Frank L. Forlow.

Mr. & Mrs. H.D. Ginter taught Wm.Center Schools this term.

West End: James Scott bought the A.Z. Stone house of J.B. Hootman and is having it moved on his premises.

Mr. Rimes moved into a house owned by Adam Christoffel and will work in the saw mill owned by George Squires.

The Democracy of Milford met in the town hall and nominated:
Trustees, Charley Christoffel, Henry Miller and Mr. Cole of Logan.
Treasurer, Edward Otis, Clerk, W.D Barney, J.P. John A. Hootman.
Constable Ira Poper and Parker Bevington.(all were elected.)

For sale: one 12 horsepower Cooper engine, also Aultman and Taylor separator with clover huller attachment.

News April 5, 1883

Insane asylum proposed for N.W. Ohio; $300,000.

North Dakota development a phenomenon the like of which has not been seen before on this continent. Communities scattered along the Railroad lines, with stores to supply their needs. If enough demand they become towns even with some minor industry. North Dakota young men permeated with the spirit of Spirit of Progress.

Forlow and Co. expecting a new patent oven for burning tile after the Dawson Pattern.

S. Tustison will run his tile factory by steam this year.

Repeal of the stamp tax on bank checks, orders and voucher will take effect on July 1st. next.

Zigler & Strong sold 100 organs last year.

Old Settlers meeting at the office of B.M. Rakestraw, Pres. for a legal organization.

Beginning next school year, the three upper rooms of the building will hold chapel service each A.M. An organ purchased.

The cheese factory at Bryan paid 91 1/3 cents a hundred for milk, made 61,468 pounds of cheese, sold for $6,550. Milk bought, 642,574 pounds. Would help farmers if we had a cheese factory.

F. Forlow, J. Bevington, M.V. Starr, F. Clemmer, Miller and Brinker, Henly, Mastin and Carr all elected.

Pupils enrolled: 321, av. daily attendance, 270. High school, six boys, 77 girls. Grammer,8 boys,25 girls; B.Grammer,27 boys, 15 girls. Intermediate. boys 30, girls 19; intermediate boys 27,girls 33. B. Primary boys 35, girls 18.

Stabbing affray or attempt! Clarence Gilbert with knife using John Smith as target, corner of Main and High 6" blade. Smith was fined for disturbing the peace, no charge for Gilbert so far.

News April 12, 1883

Airing issues of school indebtedness.

The contract price for the old house $6,840. $13,310 issued in bonds to different parties, while I was member of the board we paid and redeemed $8,000 in bonds held by the National Bank of Bryan. The new house cost $3,140, there was an issue of new bonds in the amount of $ 2,750, all of which are paid but $750. The house and fixtures are all paid except a stove that is on trial.

The bond now unpaid for $3,330 was issued 4, September 1875 at 8% to the National Bank of Hamilton Ohio. The board drew an order on the Treasury for $360 to J.B. Cornell cashier of said bank for negotiating the bond. They sold it for $2,970 Dec. 20, 1876 to J.B. Cornell. June 27th. an order to pay $338.52 / Dec. 20. 1878 $306.64; Oct. I5, 1870 $306.64.

Let someone with legal scissors study this transaction and give a clear solution to the taxpayers. A. Summers, ex clerk.

Crowl & Arnold are pushing the manufacture of wash boards.

A handsome new cornice on Hill & Ehrhart's Block.

W.E. Palmer has rented power of T.W. Kerr to mfr. wash boards.

More than 5,000 ducks killed on Antwerp reservoir this Spring.

Wm. T. Culler of Elkton, Columbiana Co. has moved with his family to this place and will engage in business.

T.W. Kerr to make extensive and costly improvements to their flour mill, making it the best in the area.

Cure for consumption: Drink very hot water an hour prior to eating (as hot as possible) then eat tender beef and a little bread, avoid vegetables. Cured a school teacher in N.Y. who was reduced to a skeleton by T.B.

T.F. Dowell has disposed of his meat market to Casebeer and Snyder who removed to that location last week Next week the building now occupied will be moved back on the lot and used as a work room, and their old building moved in place of the present one and used as a sales room.

A. Scott, employed at the factory of Fish, Maxwell & Co. turned 2,000 broom handles in 9 hours, and 300 fork handles in two hours.

Woman's Relief Corps. called the Ladies Auxiliary of G.A.R.

Kerr Bros. wooden grain fork written up in Chicago.(bent tines) Attention of the reader is called to the "Crescent" wood fork conveniently used for handling clover seed, straw, chaff, oats, flax buckwheat and barley. Choice timber is used in it's construction resulting in a light strong and durable farm implement. Tines are so bent as to form a head and bale, the wire pole being thus dispensed with, an improvement, no sharp corners of wire to catch or pull. Tines being straight from the middle crossbar to point enables the fork to load itself without becoming entangled in the grain. The fingers are turned and bent with the grain of the timber adding to their strength. These forks are nicely balanced and put on a five foot handle. Mfrs. Kerr Bros, Hicksville.

Wm. Pickett and Co. 104 Lake Street Chicago, Western Agents.

R.R. statistics: 269,583,330 passengers carried during 1880, office employees; 418,957; killed71 passengers, injured 331, employees killed; 260, injured 13,004. thrlugh carelessness; 82 passengers killed, employees 663.

The Ohio Game law amended:

Quail and Prarie Chicken, may be killed in November only.

Wild Turkey, November 1 to January 15.

Grouse, Pheasant and Teal, September 1 to December 31.

Ducks, from September 1, to March 31.

Woodcock, from July 4 to December 31.

Prohibits snaring of Partridges & disturbing roosting pigeons, the killing of birds by floating or sneaking up on them,

Misdemeanor for anyone to hunt on lands without consent of owner.

Hook and lines only for catching fish excepting Minnows, suckers and mullets from 1st. day of June to the first of October

Bradford Argus: April 5, published at Towanda, Pa.

Extracts of letter will be read with pleasure by friends of Judge Patton of this state in which he spent the best part of his life. When he left to cultivate his farm in Ohio he carried with him the cultural respect and reputation as an honorable gentleman.

Palmer House, Chicago, March 14.

"While in Cleveland I heard a great deal said in praise about our honorable friend Judge Patton, and you may be sure it was very gratifying to me. He is one of the few men living who saw General Jackson inaugurated in 1829, enjoyed his friendship and confidence and held high appointment under his administration. He accepted the invitation to attend the great Jackson dinner in the Weddel House in Cleveland and responded to the first toast, Andrew Jackson! His presence and speech made a marked impression in his personal inter-course. I am not surprised to hear him spoken of as candidate for governor.

News April 19, 1883

The Electroscope - latest invention - allows you to see person at the other end of the wire of telephone. Details not clear, involves a white disc of burnished metal in darkened room. Could see race course distinctly, 40 observers saw it.

The New York Legislature attempting to outlaw dime novels.

Neat and tasty cloth awnings being put up to replace the homely wooden ones.

J.E. Coburn & Co. have disposed of their stock of Dry Goods and groceries to Mr. G.W. Richie of Coshocton, Ohio.

Casper Ginter Sr. born April 10,1804 in old Philadelphia, Pa. April 12, aged 79 years and two days. In 1820 came to East Union, Wayne Co. Ohio and married Rachel Lytle, daughter of Thomas & Mary Lytle, in 1827 by Esq. Orr the first J.P. of East Union. In 1840 wife died leaving 7 children all living save one. Moved to the farm where he died. in 1844 was married to Ann Campbell in 1849 by whom he had 5 children. A man of sterling integrity, highly respected in the community. By the number of Old Settlers who attended the funeral it was evident.

A.P. Edgerton, on the wrong doings of some fire Ins. Co.s.

Blakeslee Furniture Factory Fire. Companies offer 55% of the coverage his premiums paid for. A fine example of why you should avoid Mutual Companies. They blame agents of not following instructions, their adjusters strut around the ruined property knowing full well that the owner cannot afford a law suit. they may get a surprise, although Blakeslee may not have the money, he has credit with which to get counsel who will see that the insurance companies can be compelled to pay what they honestly owe, if they have the means to do so or go out of business. Mr. Blakeslee is not aware that I am writing this, but I wish to warn the community against insuring with these companies.

John Hootman sold his residence and 7 acre lot to James Lindsay, consideration $1,000. Hootman will build a house on his farm.

Miss Madge Hartle started for Topeka, Kan. to reside w sister.

Miller Bros. & Co. will have a formal opening of new store.

Mrs. I.E. Kintigh, Mrs. J.G. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Frease start for Dakota today. Their home will be Mitchell in the future.

Christian Sinn returned from Dakota, will wait several years prior to resettling. Says water awful scarce out there.

W.E. Palmer, T.W. Kerr and T.F. Dowell are preparing to manufacture washboards. Will use power from T.W. Kerr trunk slat firm.

Chas. Hanton of Hillsdale, rented the corner room of Hill & Ehrharts. A first class merchant tailoring establishment. Will also sell readymade.

Lewis Neidhart died in Milford Friday.

News April 26, 1883

Fish & Maxwell manufacturing horse rake teeth.

Edward Culler had his right hand badly mangled in a buzz saw at Kerr Brothers & Co.

D.B. Turnbull sold his interest in Turnbull Wagon Works.

FOR SALE CHEAP! City lots. Additional lots laid out. A.P. Edgerton.

James Crary barn burned.

News May 3, 1883

In Ireland, 10,000,000 acres of tillable land for a population of 8,000,000 less than one acre per person.

Sheriff's sale of personal property. In front of Ehrhart Block opposite Ains. Boon, Bevington on 8th. day May.
Reots Heater # 30. 265 common wood seat chairs, 1 chandelier and lamps, three common lamps, 3 joint stove pipe.
Taken at the suit of Gabe Fish, Sam A. Maxwell, James Maxwell and David B. Miller partners under the firm name and style Fish Maxwell and Co. Against Charles W. Krotz. J.A Foust Sheriff.

Five or six years ago Hon. John H. Kleppart placed 60,000 young salmon in the Scioto River. Now these fish are caught quite freely with dip nets, weighing 1 to 5 pound.

A portable folding opera house on rails to be built. Organized in Kansas City, carried on 8 R.R. cars so constructed to open up to form auditorium, stage, dressing rooms etc. It is proposed to carry the rails for laying the desired switch in each town.

Insurance Co. answer to Edgerton on fire insurance.
The company has 90 days to settle, 46 days having expired. If Mr. Blakeslee does not accept our offer we have 55 days to do so. etc.

Barns burning, may be arson.

New ice wagon built by Bryan Mfg. for Wilder & Putnam.

David Hess purchased building of B. Webber. One door east of the Swaidner house. Butcher Shop.

Town should get a street sprinkler, use ice pond for water.

Now the small boy wants his hair short and "sand papered".

W.O. Hughes sold Trustees three oversized plows for use on roads

Great improvement in Commercial Block by removing shed in front

Mr. Joseph Kerr returned from Chicago quite ill, at Ed. Crook.

Kerr Bros. & Wm. Culler building 60x80, two story on Smith St. across the R.R. from Kerr Brothers Handle factory. The new fitted with machinery for manufacturing tables. Everett Blakeslee employed as Superintendent of manufacturing.

Simon Ruppert blown up by dropping a file he had used to strike matches on, into a basket containing caps and Hercules powder. John Fry was injured.

Hicksville is rapidly growing and adding manufacturing estab-lishments. Our merchants could well afford to form a stock company for manufacturing or subscribe stock to enlarge our present industries.

News May 10, 1883

Henry Gruber 50th. anniversary. His family came from Alsace to America, settled in Penn. 1667. In 1804 the family of which Henry was the third son moved from Berks Co. Penn. to Pickaway Co. Ohio, Henry then less than one year old, having been born Dec. 22, 1803. Of the early history of the Metzger family little is known except that early on moved from Penn. to Ohio. Leah Metzger, the 4th member of the family born 17, May, 1813. Married April 25, 1833. In 1836 moved from Ohio to Inidana near the center of Springfield Township. Here made their home 37 years till retirement, sold out and came to present home 1873.

Jacob Leist & Daughter, Ross Co. Ohio, Mr. John Metzger & wife and sisters of Circleville, Ohio, John W. Gruber & family Roanoke, Ind. J.L. Gruber, Ft. Wayne & family, Mrs. Jacob Leighty, St. Joe,Ind. attended from abroad.

Mr. A.C. Gruber ordained as minister, to Hamilton, Indiana.

Installment plan sellers make great injustice to the poor. While many articles are useful and almost indispensable, the price paid in instalments is much greater than the actual value

Everything from a grand piano to a cheap album sold that way. Iron clad contracts that not only does the delinquent purchaser loose the item but all he has paid. Much cheaper to lay up the money before making the purchase.

An article on the future of womanhood and the home.

News May 17, 1883

Josiah Henson, the original Uncle Tom is dead, the other equally prominent of Mrs. Stowe book, George Harris still lives within 35 miles of Cleveland bringing up a large family of bright intelligent sons and daughters at Oberlin where he lives a quiet hard working happy life.

B.S. Pettit removed his drug store to the new room in the Casebeer Block. Without question the finest store in N.W. Ohio.

A small boy came from fishing along a small stream bringing a mastadon's tooth weighing 5 pound. A saloon keeper paid him a quarter and promptly sold it for $10.00 in gold.

Kerr Bros. shipped a car load of "Boss" barley forks to San. Franciso.

A. Summers, Atty. 1 door west of the Post Office on Main.

Mrs. Adam Kline millinery, Nichols Bldg. opposite Swilly's.

James Coulter office on Main near High.

Bowker & Hughes Livery opposite Union House.

J.G. Turner has placed an engine, lathe & other machinery in the foundry ready for all repair work.

We suggest the health committee inspect the rear of Commercial Hall and have it renovated.

Contemplated improvements in Florida projected on a large scale by capitalists and well known men and the purchase of large tracts.
Indication that the tide of immigration is to be divided between west and south.

All leading locomotive builders will show latest products as well as ancient on display in Chicago. May 24 to June 24. The largest "The Mastadon" the first locomotive put on rails by Stevenson, it's speed 60 mph. on trial. ?????

Born to the wife of L. Griest this week a son.

I.M. Boon making extensive improvements to his home on Smith St.

The Defiance Express thinks Defiance big enough to have a water works.

D.D. Johnson will build a brick residence on Edgerton Ave.

Dr. S. Phillips purchased the Frank Clemmer house on the Bryan road which he will move to town.

Delaware telegraph & flag station given to Sherwood.

School Dist. #1 N.W. corner Sec 21 or 24, asking bids, for a brick building.

41 saloon keepers, Defiance will continue under the new law.
Four will not sell spirituous liquors.

We believe Hicksville Twp. should vote a tax to build a hall where the corporation & township could meet. The town sadly needs a fire department and the lower floor could be used for that and the upper floor for meetings.

News May 24, 1883

Someone is "picking" letters containing money in Toledo. The special detectives have not traced except the greater percentage of losses from Wabash, Lake Shore, & Dayton Michigan R.R.

The Lehman Bldg. the first door west of the U.B. Church.

Old Settler's meeting, Halls Corners June 21. Bring a basket and come prepared to say something regarding the early settlement of this country. N. B. Hall.

The Great Military Drama "The Boys in Blue" to be presented in Commercial Hall, Nelson Compton.

F.L. Forlow office in Lehman Bldg. above Sollenberger Harness.

Hail fell in Elkart County measuring 9" in circumference.

The committee: L.E. Wilder and George Clemmer announce:
The Settler's Log Cabin will be raised June 7. All who have promised logs or material of any kind are asked to bring them at once. Bring baskets.

News May 31, 1883
transfer: T.W. Kerr to G.T. Knight,lot 43 & pt. lot 42,Edg.2nd.adn.
David Peeper to Joseph Kerr, lot 27, Edg. 2nd adn.

Crowl & Arnold, manufacturers of doors, window sash, moulding, brackets and washboards have out grown their space in the Hicksville Manufacturing Co. and will build a new factory on Bryan Street,
30 x 75. Engine and boiler room separate from factory.

The Fort Wayne baseball club has their field lighted with electric lights and play evenings.

A novel scene was the loading of ships timber on the R.R. cars with an engine.

William Peeper & Co. are manufacturing the Champion Chain Pump on a larger scale than every before.

Swindlers: Bibles, machinery, take on trial. (fine print shows that after 48 hours it's yours) Gold time piece for a dollar. (a Golden paper sundial). Lightning rods, some put up free, the contract stipulates a price for all that will be needed at x amount per foot (all by advance agent) those who come a few days later proceed to cover the buildings, $500 to $600 worth. Settlement pressed, cash or note. if note it is cashed immediately to a third party. Lightening rods are valuable if installed correctly, these jobs are usually worthless.

Bruce Crowl and Emmett Mc Calla aged 10 and 8, playing with a revolver, Crowl shot through Mc Calla's wrist and the ball stopped at his abdomen.

The Secretary of the Navy is asking for estimates on steel war vessels that can make 14 knots. Since torpedo boats exist that can do 22 knots for three or more hours that could sail around our slow vessels. etc.

One week from today the Old Settlers will raise their cabin at the fair grounds.
The "Old Landmarks" will no doubt have barrels of sport and a big time.

News June 7, 1883
Horrible Outrage! Students Take Over Town! Madison University and Baptist Theol. Seminary, Hazing students, torture, were intoxicated.

BAPTIZED IN BLOOD! Panic on the new East River bridge, 15 lost lives. A crowd jammed the stairs leading from the concrete roadway to the bridge proper. To relieve the press the railing had to be removed from the stairway.

Sells Brother's Circus the 28th. Show tent will be in the vacant ground behind Cornelia, the Mc Cormack estate.
BOST SQUARE DEAL CLOTHING moved to HILL & EHRHART BLOCK.

Fishing party at St. Joe river obligated to S.P. Wartenbee
for his great hospitality.

Esq. Huffman fell from his writing desk, gets around with a cane.

No longer professional Jury Men. PARSON JURY BILL amending Sec. 5167 providing 8 additional names to be drawn after Grand and Pettit are drawn, to be used as needed. Those who "loaf" in the court house hoping to "get on" will not be needed.

About daylight the dam at Websters Mill gave away. A break of 100 feet. Will be several weeks before business can resume.

Market: wheat $1.08; corn $.40; Oats $.40; Eggs $.15; Onions $.70; Potatoes $.50; Apples Dry $.07; Butter $.10.

News June 14, 1883
Six Corners: Tile factory continues to boom. Manufacturing a good article in immense quantities.

Swindlers who stop for the night with a farmer posing as wealthy land brokers, trying to sell him some land. When unsuccessful they bargain among themselves on a deal and ask the farmer to sign papers as a witness. the paper turns out to be a negotiable note which is quickly turned into cash and they go on their way.

Sheriff's Sale: Rakestraw Drug Store. Opposite the Hicksville Bank.
1 keg of rice brandy, 1 keg of Sherry wine, 1 keg of Kimmel, 1 keg of rum, 1/2 bbl. grape brandy. 8 bottles of bitters, 2 gal. mustard 5 bottles of Catawba wine, 1 bbl. brandy, 1 bbl. Bourbon whiskey one bbl. Sour mash, 2 bottles of Gin, 3 doz. canned salmon. One lot of pool balls and other articles. Suit by KLEIN BROS.& HYMAN.

Co. Assessors received: F.J. Clemmer Hix.$72.00; J.E. Grandey Milford $58.00; Elias Ridenouer, Mark $54.00.

Found on Edgerton road between trestle work and George Norrick farm, a ladies shawl.

S.W. Fish put up 53 rod of his patent rail fence on farm of Joe Bunnell.

Old Settlers of De Kalb Co. meet at St. Joe, Ind. the 21st.

Town Dads bought a "road leveler", a good investment.

Dickerhoof & Meeks who ran an egg wagon this Spring have retired it, Dickerhoof continues the business in his store at Cicero.

Are we going to celebrate the 4th.? If so something must be done or people will go somewhere else to spend their money.

Misses Rella & Nora Caster of Michigan teachers in Cleveland schools have been visiting their Aunt, Mrs. F.O. Farnsworth.

Gardener & Hill the "Fire Proof Painters" took in a number of Williams Co. residents. Others were caught in Wood County. Jacob Easterly was swindled out of a note for $180.00. Easterly got back his note, paid them $45.00 for work done.(as was agreed previously).

The Old Settlers did not get to the fair ground very early, it was barely started before the call to dinner. But when they jerked their coats it was evident they came to work. The words He, Ho, Wa, inspired them and they went to work like Turks. As we watched we decided that they knew as much about building a cabin as the young men of today. Every one had something to do. Some hauling logs, some lifting, others pushing logs on to the building upon which men were swinging axes and sweating; and while it was work yet the excitement bouyed them up to a pitch that we believe they worked harder than years ago; only a supposition of ours. Others were making clapboards with mallet and froe, in which a few young men took and active part and showed the settlers how it was done, (spoiled them we mean). Henry Grandey split the first shake, he has lived in Milford 40 years except one year in Illinois.

Although earnest work was done the cabin was only built ready to roof. The roof to be done the floor laid, the chinking and daubing done, the chimney built, the door and window yet to be put in. So Wednesday, June 27th. has been appointed for the completion. All to bring ample food for the inner man and some bells and horns for the ladies to use to call them to eat, as the women cannot yell as they could of old.

Sidewalk between Marble Shop and Krotz Block, a leg breaker.

Plowing competition won by the Bryan Plow, except at Coughan-ouers. (A long continued discussion of which is best plow.)

Wm. Kinmont has free copies of the "New Church Messenger" N.Y., which he wishes to share. First house N. of R.R. on State Line.

Greenback and Prohibitionist Parties should get together, neither seems clear on what they want.

Charles Hatton has moved his stock of clothing to the new Odd Fellows building, corner of High and Maple.

S. Tustison & Co. getting ready their 4th. kiln for burning.

The Hon Benj. Patton went to Columbus to attend the Democratic Convention.

Miss Ella Hartle has returned from the West where she lived for several years. Miss Madge

Hartle returned from some time in Kansas.

B.S. Pettit has put signs on his building.

J.J. Hootman had 50 rods of Osage Orange hedge planted.

Thirty feet of Webster dam washed out.

Geo. Hanna of Mark Twp. died of rattlesnake bite. (whiskey had been the treatment two weeks ago).

Mr. George Purdy of Mt.Vernon,O. wed Miss Lovina E. Mc Cormack.

Proposing a Normal School for Hicksville. Ada school thriving.

Hicksville is fortunate in good roads leading to town except Jericho and Antwerp Pike. Paulding is raising her roads out of the mud including Antwerp road from Co. line south.

Wagon for sale; made by Pinkerton and Bricker.

Inez Rex of Newville, visiting the D.S. Cowhick family.

News July 5, 1883

The scarcity and high price of walnut timber should induce farmers to plant trees.

Before the R.R. built, Dutch St. intersected High where the depot now stands. The Corporation granted them the privilege but never vacated the street. Proposition that the R.R. grade and gravel the road around the elevator that all could use.

Old Settler's meeting at Halls.

Scipio and Old Pioneers and their many neighbors and friends from near Springfield Twp. had another yearly meeting and reunion at the mansion of Wm. Harter. The cheer and gladness maintained by the old veterans of pioneer life brought many of the scenes of former life and experiences to the enjoyment of this meeting.

Called to order by electing Nelson Hall chairman of the meeting who greeted the Old Settlers and gave them a short and appropriate address which inclined them to feel at home. The young ladies and men of the neighborhood cheered the old people with now and then a song appropriate to the occasion and the thrilling music of a good martial band improvised for the occasion brought the "Spirit of 76" fresh to the memories of the "Boys in Blue". On account of rain in the forenoon the meeting was held in the large and spacious barn of Wm. Harter which was fitted up in good style affording shelter and plenty of room to entertain all present.

The meeting opened by prayer by Rev. Myers of Maysville after which Rev. Long was introduced. He opened up the history of pioneer life and gave amusing incidents of the past itinerary of the old settlers, on horseback through swamps of the Maumee River.

The Chairman suggested it was time for dinner.

Food unloaded from wagons and buggies made the old settlers forget the fare of cornbread and milk of ancient times and did ample justice to the bounteous spread. Those who did not partake of the table were welcomed to the home of Mr. Harter where his lady welcomed them with the best the country could afford.

After the dinner the martial band called the settlers together. First to lead off was Israel Hall, who gave a detailed history of his labors amid the wilderness of Indiana, while portraying in glowing colors the strong friendships and harmonious feelings that clus-tered around their primitive cabin raisings.

Mr. Wentworth treated all to a song history of the new country, their hardships and vividly brought before their minds of scenes in the culinary department and regaled them with the pleasures enjoyed in cabin life.

The Dorsey brothers, oldest Pioneers in Scipio Twp. gave a graphic description of their first adventure in the "wilds of Indiana". Hardships endured, meagre fare, they were compelled to be satisfied with, the incessant toil required to make an opening for the sunbeams to invigorate the virgin soil and the long weary journey to Ft. Wayne and other places to obtain supplies to keep the wolf from their door. How they manfully fought the "dread disease" of house keeping and finally the mastering of the tall monarchs of the forest They wooed and won their bonnie brides to share the pleasures of a log cabin life in the western wilds.

Then came the thrilling experiences of John S. Bartholemew, noted pioneer hunter. His numerous conflicts with wild animals, of pio-neer life in the woods, narrow escapes from wolves and bears. His grand time of coon hunting deer killing and his successful industry of securing a comfortable home and living for his wife and family. Young boys enjoyed his hunting stories.

Mr. Wentworth gave an interesting account of coming west. The tall trees and swamp, dark and gloomy forest, the pleasure the remincences bring today.

John Keisler was next invited to give his experience. In tottering frame he related some of the sad scenes and rejoiced with great feeling and pleasure that he was permitted to enjoy this social gathering with old comrades.

The Chairman called on some of the ladies.

Mrs. Baybrook responded, opening the history of pioneer life in the domestic circle and gave to the audience some of the conflicts and incidents of a mother in a cabin home and life in the western world.

Mrs. Anderson followed as well as others who testified how they heroically labored and suffered to lay a foundation deep and broad for the future welfare of their children and the enjoyment of a peaceful old age.

Mrs. Farmer was called on to read an interesting original production on the times and events of pioneer life and proper training of our children.

Dr. F.K. Cosgrove, Dr. J.H. Omo, John Shaffer, Mr. Parmer, and Richard Anderson each made appropriate remarks.

The days doings were highly appreciated by all especially the Old Settlers. A successful meeting as a result of the labors of Nelson Hall and wife, Wm. Harter and lady, and kind generous neighbors.

Meeting adjourned. Everyone hope to greet the Old Settlers again in the not so distant future.

J.H.O.

Owing perhaps to the inclement weather hardly a soul was on hand to finish the Old Setter's cabin. Completion deferred till just prior to the September meeting.

Marriage of George Eading and Mary Franz.

The saloon tax money is to go to street work, the law.

Edgerton will hang the doors of their school building to swing outward.

East Cornelia, Dixon and Edgerton streets are fast improving in population, and for the accommodation of their citizens, Bryan should be opened up to Edgerton and Dixon and Maple to Cornelia.

Downtown merchants should offer to pay for stone curbs if the town will grade the streets and install the curbs.

Council has arranged with Wm. Lash for gravel for High Street. Mr. Lash will sell at the pit for 10 cents a yard or deliver for 75 cents. Estimated cost is $800.00.

During the circus several homes were visited and robbed. Wm. Cleland, furniture damaged $20.00 carried. S. James Ames $14.00, Emanuel Norick $30.00 and goods.

News 12, July, 1883

Colored folk in Winnsborough S.C. form burial society, ten cents monthly.

Firing of a cannon suggested to dissipate a hurricane.

Commercial Hall being repainted.

Wm. Miller of Milford killed by a train in Bryan.

Ainsworth, Boon & Bevington shipped their 4th. car of wool.

The Wabash putting in a "Y" at Auburn Junction for Chicago.

Wm. Gilbert, employed at a Van Wert stave factory lost some toes in a buzz saw.

New brick started on corner of High and Main where Rakestraw Drug Store stands, 44 x 90, 55 feet high. The lower floor will be occupied by Mr. I.A. Gingery and his stock of dry goods. The 2nd. floor a first class opera house.

It has been proposed to gravel Cornelia St. property assessed.

July 5th. L.E. Griffin and Miss Loretta Correll wed, Sidney, O.

A "Citizen's Religious Society" formed in Farmer Center to raise $1,500 to build a church. As no one congregation can afford a building this is a joint effort of the congregations.

Feasibility of lighting our streets and business houses explored. Would take $2,000, stock would be issued at $100. per share.

Motive power of Hicksville Mfg. would be used.

Milford: Mr. James Arrantz and Miss Jennie Hootman wed.

Tom Thumb is dead.

Madge Hartle visiting in Auburn.

Dr. Phillips will occupy rooms in the Casebeer Block.

John Bays purchased livery barn used by Bowker and Hughes.

L.M Wyant has rented building east of A.B. Bevington. Will occupy with a bakery, restaurant and confectionery.

#1 school to be built N.W. corner E1/2 N.& E1/2 section 23.

Bowker & Hughes will exchange barns with G.T. Nichols.

The Hon. Benj. Patton family gone to Micigan lakes.

Fair premiums listed.

Wednsday Trotting: 1st. $70.; 2nd. $40.; 3rd. $25.; 4th. $15.; mile heats best three in five. Open to all horses who have not beat 2:40 Thursday purse: $120.; $90.; $60.; $30. 2:30.

John Green bought the Miller farm in Milford.

James Crary dedicated his new barn with a 10 cent dance.

The most extensive agricultural machine shops are in Spring-field Ohio. Five in all, one workshop is 1,700 feet in length and
60 feet wide. Complete a machine a minute, 600 per day, 100,000/yr.

A New Jersey Law prohibits hiring children younger than 12 in factories and shops. Greatest opponents are parents and children.

Born to wife of David Patterson, a son, July 19th.

Isaac Maxwell returned from Dakota to move wife & family there.

L.E. Griffin and J.E. Coulter form partnership,Coulters location.

The Exchange Hotel, S. Mackey landlord, opened.

Authority has been given by the Comptroller of Currency to establish a National Bank in Hicksville. Capital of $50,000. It will succeed the business of present Hicksville Bank, a private bank.

Wabash & St.Louis R.R. shops moving from Butler to Peru, Ind.

Dr. Rakestraw building a new home on his lot facing Main.

Building occupied by Dr. Babbit removed to east of Swilley House to be used as an office by Bowker & Hughes.

F.M. Thompson and Dixon Edgerton will practice together.

Dixon a recent graduate of Chicago, admitted to practice by the Supreme Court of Illinois, has practiced two years in Fort Wayne.

Ney: Wamsley "The Notion Wagon Man" visited here last week.

Detour around the unfinished bridge at Lick Crick frustrating.

Farmers have begun to "draw their wheat together" in preparation to the coming threshing.

10 cent cigar for 5 cents, Batchelors Drug. Next to A.B.& B.

News Aug. 9, 1883

Ohio Smoke Consuming Co. of Norwalk increases Cap. stock to one million.

Congress issued the Trade Dollars will eventually make good.

Tobacco and blindness. Tobacco poisons the nerve centers, it produces amblyopia identical to that from excessive alcohol use. Both incurable. Youth's Companion.

To wife of Alfred Ginter, a son.

A.P. Edgerton has platted his third addition.

Mrs. J.W. Lilly has returned from her parents in Fayette.

R.R. to erect several new houses near the saw mill formerly operated by Corey Brothers. To be occupied by employees.

Work started on the J.C. Ryan building, (East of Swilley house)

A young man, John Stafford had index finger of right hand nearly severed.

transfer: J.Hollinger to Christine Rakestraw,lots 84,85,85 1/2 $600

A.P.Edgerton to Joseph Kerr, 1 A. Hix. Twp. $160.00.

A.P. Edgerton will donate land for machine shop if the parties wish to come here. Kolshaka & Billow of Delphos propose 3 lathes, planer and boundry.

Fair Directors to build 18 new pens for sheep. Machinery will be displayed inside the speed ring.

News Aug. 16, 1883

Northern Pacific R.R. construction has killed 1,000 Chinese.

1,000 children under 5 died in Chicago in July.

Fred Voight contractor of new building on the corner has employed Tintsman Bros. of Butler to do the brick work.

Farmer: Alex Bowman putting in a tile mill.

Mrs. Platter and daughters Almeda & Ada, Mrs. Hartle, Mrs. G.O.Coburn, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Ed. Culler & E.M. Bilderback attended the Indiana Sunday School Convention in Rome City, Indiana.

News Aug. 23, 1883

Bowker & Hughes Stable East of the Union House.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton building a new house on Main Street.

The High School room has been decorated with wall paper.

The first issue of "Parent & Teacher" edited by Mr. C.R. Fyke, superintendant of Hicksville schools printed by News. 75 cents/yr.

G.T. Nichols moved our livery to almost opposite Swilley Hotel.

Charles Bassett guarantees satisfaction fitting glasses with the Optimeter. He also has "King's System" of fitting spectacles in his jewelry store. If need of these goods see him.

Commissioners will put question on ballot to decide whether citizens wish to tax themselves for road improvement.

News Aug. 30, 1883

John Brown's grave is near the weather beaten house at North Elba, once his home.

Jake Dowell has built a carpenter shop on lot near the R.R. owned by G.F. Knight.

Hub Handle factory at Paulding destroyed by fire. Owner J. Olds.

A.P. Edgerton addressed the Teacher's Institute.

The Free Public School System, it's success and it's present danger. What should be taught in the schools. Practical knowlege required.

C.C. Lehman building a new barn on his lots, Ft. Wayne road.

A 4" wagon tire will carry 2 Ton on soft ground with greater ease than a 2 1/2 tire with one Ton.

There's no limit to uses electricity can be put. Electric wash-ing machines and ironing in Paris. Now let electricity be applied to tacking carpets, putting up stove pipe, clean house and build fires.

Miss Lydia Otis, daughter of Merril to Rev. A.C.Gruber of Hamilton, Steuben County. by Rev. W.F.Yocum, Pres.Ft. Wayne college.Wedding march by sister of bride. Gifts listed with donors.

News Sept. 6, 1883

Ordinance to gravel Cornelia, terminate at Bunnel. Cost of gravel and hauling to be assessed lots, 123, 29 etc.

The Union Square Co. will do Uncle Tom's Cabin, Mr. Gordon Dir.

Columbia, a pageant of locals to be at Commercial Hall.

Died, Hulda, 8 yr. old daughter of Mr.& Mrs. James Lindsay.

Babbage Building is 2 doors East of Commercial Hall.

H.G.Elliot has fitted up a "photographic car" operated by Chester Blodgett. First stop Edgerton.

Webster Dam repaired, mill in operation.

"Old Charley" watch tinker operating in Farmer.

Brick for Farmer Church furnished by Fitscharles.

News Sept. 13, 1883

CHOICE LOTS in EDGERTON'S THIRD ADDITION. $87.50 to $100.00 Easy Terms.

The Northern Pacific to complete near Helena, Montana.

Mrs. Wilcox nee Hartle of Topeka, here for sickness of mother, Mrs. A.J. Hartle.

News Sept. 20, 1883

Population of China 255 million; Dakota 250 thousand..

World's Centennial & Cotton Exposition in New Orleans, Dec. 84 to May 31, proclaimed by President Arthur.

The National Government gave the Northern Pacific R.R. Company 42 million acres of land, by June 1882 they had sold 3 million acres at an average of $4.00 per acre.

Iron ships are now cheaper to build than wood.

The teaching of Latin and Greek survives only on the premise that by being old something is good. few people could translate any writing a few years after finishing school. Dead language must go.
(Cleveland Penny Press).

KITCHEN QUEEN FLOUR made by HICKSVILLE MILLS.

Total debt of Defiance Co. $28,000; all for 2nd. St. bridge.

A. Koshaflaska has started on his machine shop near Randolf's stave factory.

Postmaster of Mineral Ridge stayed up till 12 P.M in order to issue the first Postal Note in the U.S.

Second Amendment Clubs organized.

Leaves from the woods put in the furrow with potatoes furnish nutrient but retain water from rains and counter act the injury of dry weather. Straw is next best.

THE FAIR:

Animal exhibitors were John C. Meese, Thomas Nelson, W.H.Harter A.D. Moore of Moores Station, Ind. Nimons and Son of Butler, L.W. Wilder, George W. Forder and Jacob Lower who had the only Holsteens.
Miller Brothers traction engine provided power for the farm machine display. The Baloonist Oscar Hunt came down in a tree. A good act. Attendance Tuesday over 5.500 tickets sold at gate. The special train from the east brought 200.

Sam Mastin, engineer of a fast B&O stock train west bound near Hamler saw a little girl on the tracks, blew the whistle for brakes, reversed the engine, then moved rapidly forward to the pilot. He scooped the little girl up by her clothing, lost his balance and both were thrown to the ditch. The train was moving about 18 mph. They were shaken up but no serious damage done.

The colored people of Texas have been successful in securing a promise from a leading railway to put on separate and exclusive cars with equal accommodations for it's colored patrons in three months.

The complaint was that colored women were compelled to ride in the smoking cars where they were subject to more or less insult as these cars were occupied by some drunken men.

Schools Overloaded: Chicago admits to having 55,000 more children of school age than seats in the schools.

Porter Gilbert and wife of Defiance in town last week.

Hicksville Schools require $332.00 the year around.

Voters of Defiance to decide on a water works.

Lewis & Hersch close Oct. 2 & 3 for Jewish Holiday. Yon Kippur.

Joseph Kerr has sold his interest in Kerr Bros. & Co. to partners, R.F. Kerr and E.W. Crook.

Sal. Maxwell & Gabe Fish visited Syracuse, Ind. lake. Landed brought home 150 pounds.

Married at Newville: Willis Aten and Manerva Smith. Rev. Colgan.

To the Old and Young Settlers of the Maumee Valley. Forty years ago when you were asked to help raise a log cabin each and every one of you were on hand in time, never to busy to stop for a raising. How is it now? Oh, you say, just finish the cabin and we will furn-ish the money. We Don't Want the Money. We want to see your smiling faces on the fair ground October 4th, 1883 at nine o'clock sharp with your wives, dinner baskets, axes, saws, trowel, froe and dinner horn or cow bell. Come one come all. By request of the committee.

The report of the 6th. annual meeting of the Old Settlers of Williams, Paulding, Defiance Counties and the surrounding country. Held 13th. Sept. 1883 on the fair ground at Hicksville. Steno Rev. F.M. Baker. Called to order by Dr. B.M. Rakestraw at 11 A.M. The audience sang two stanzas of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name".

The president welcomed all, asked Rev. J. Long for prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting read by Sec. Forlow and approved.

Rev. Crary; Mr. President I would now ask for the report of the committee on Log Cabin. I believe the chairman is here.

L.W. Wilder, Mr. President; there was rather a poor committee appointed on Log Cabin. I was one of that committee, Mr. Pierson was another and he has been dead 5 or 6 years. Mr. Jackson was another who never met with us. George Clemmer was another. When we met we called on our President and Vice President Rev. Crary to assist us; they proved to be two of the noisiest men you could find any where. They talked and told more stories than half the people here could, at the end of three days we got rid of them.

The Old Settlers readily responded to the call for logs, but when it came to the "shakes" (clapboards) they did not respond. We bought a log at $4.00, part of it has been split up, how many shakes there are I do not know. I suppose about half are split up, but about half were used by the negro Camp Meeting. We are about $10.00 in debt now. There was a report that Mr. Edgerton had said if the log cabin was not finished he would burn it down. I called on Mr. Edgerton and told him what I had heard, he replied that he did say he would give $25.00 toward finishing it. I told him we did not want so much from one man but that two or three dollars would be all we would ask.

He did say that if it stood there unfinished it would be fire wood.

Not having the money needed to complete it we concluded to leave it till this meeting.

President: Do you accept this report? Will you keep that committee or have a new one?

Mr. Crary: I move you sir that the chairman of the committee be continued and this convention add two others to cooperate with him or else let him select his own help.

The motion prevailed. Mr. Wilder selected Mr. Daniel Wentworth and Mr. George Dorsey.

A settler: I move that the gentleman pass the hat to get the funds necessary to finish the cabin. This is our business meeting.

Mr. Crary: I would move that we postpone that till this afternoon. But perhaps it is best just now to attend to that. This committee can not go on a finish the cabin unless they have the means to do

it or unless we turn out another day and finish it. I suppose it will take more than a dime apiece from each of us to do it. I would lend my hat for that purpose if I knew it would come back to me.
Mr. Edgerton: Mr. President in conversation with Mr. Wilder I said to him that I was willing to aid in the completion of that log cabin. I have not a log in it and if I did not cut it myself and draw it myself it would not be of any value. I felt neither able nor willing to do that work. I said to him I would give $25 to complete it. I say to him now that I will give the $25.00 to have him go on and complete it. As I have no log in the cabin on which to inscribe my name, you may paint it on a rag and pin it up somewhere in it. It would show that I was somewhere around and about this place. I ask Mr. Wilder to take from me that sum. He can stand on the $25 to compel it or it need more, pass the hat.
The motion was withdrawn.
Mr. Wilder: There is considerable work yet to be done: the chinking and the putting on of mud, the laying of the floor, the putting in of the sleepers, the rest of the shakes are to be gotten out and the roof toe be put on. The doorway to be cut out, the openings for the windows, the doors and windows to be put in, the chimney to be built etc. Accepting the $25.00 of Mr. Edgerton if we deduct the $10.00 already owing will leave but $15.00 for completion and that sum is not enough.
Mr. Dorsey: Let it out to some man to do it.
Mr. Wentworth: I would like to help one day at it. I make a motion to appoint a day in which we will come together to finish the cabin and what will be lacking after that one days work let Mr. Wilder use the funds in hand for completion. I was deprived of the privilege of meeting with you on the former occasion when you raised the cabin.
The motion was seconded, the question put and carried.
Mr. Isaac Hall: Mr. President, as I am hard of hearing I did not comprehend the motion until now. I may be too late but I am opposed to that motion. It will never be finished, the only way is to give it out to some one to finish. We came together before with no tools to work with. The better plan would be for each to pay one dollar and get someone to finish it.
Mr. Wartenbee: I think father Hall very much undervalues the pioneer efforts to complete the building of that cabin.
Mr. Wentworth: I would like to help finish it, I would rather do that than go on any picnic or any gathering or pleasure you could mention.
Mr. Crary: I move that the chair of the committee set a day to meet.
Mr. Wilder: I set 3 weeks from today, half past nine sharp to meet and complete the cabin.
Mr. Isaac Hall: I want to say a word about the dates on the logs. The proper date to put on is not the date he may have come into the state, but the time he came to the neighborhood to live. I came to the state in 1806 or 1807 but I date my log at the time I came into the state of Indiana to live, 1836. That I think is just and right.
President: That will be attended to by the committee.
Mr. Crary: I ask for a report from the comm. on obituaries.
President: Let those who have such reports hand them in. None read.
Rev. J.M. Long, Mr. President, Mr. Edgerton one year ago today wanted a reporter to report the proceedings of these Old Settler's meetings. I understand that Re. F.M. Baker who is present is capable of doing that. I move that the Old Settlers invite Mr. Baker to a seat at the stand to report the speeches and talk that it may be kept on file for reference in the years to come.
Mr. Edgerton: I second the motion. Carried.
Mr. Langdon: Publishing date of meeting in area papers, agreed.
Motion to adjourn till one o'clock.

The afternoon session opened with a hymn.
Mr. N. Crary: It was not out of disrespect for the "new style" of singing that we do not this year as last have a choir to do our singing, but we thought we would like to sing those old pieces as we used to sing when we got religion. After one verse of a hymn all had a voice but did not know the

tune forgotten and Mr. Crary sang alone Secretary Forlow read a letter from S.S. Hyde of Farmer giving account of some deaths. Mrs. Sarah Hastings, she came to Milford with her husband Harvey in 1837, in 1842 removed to Farmer till her death 15, Aug. They were the first settlers on their Farmer farm.

Mrs. Susannah Earlston died last fall, 2 1/2 miles N.E. of Farmer. Came to the Twp. in 1843. A second wife, her husband came 5 years earlier. Mrs. Rebecca Crossland, widow of Luke G. Died Sep. 2, '83.

She was born in Montgomery Co. Maryland in 1805, came to Defiance Co. with husband in 1837, to Farmer in 1850, mother of nine, seven survive. Ethan R. Weldon, though not among the original settlers of Farmer, came in to the Twp. in 1853. Born Plattsburg, N.Y.June 9,'13 A Mr. Gardner, a Mrs. Comp and a Mr. Travers of Noble Township.

President: I think the membership should canvas for others.

Now ready to hear speeches.

Mr. Nelson Snook called for. Born in Warren Co. 1819, father later settled 1826 at Delaware Bend where B&O crosses the Maumee. Indians were numerous, I saw 100 Indians in a drunken spree. The Indians fished the Maumee in Summer, hunted deer and buffalo in winter. No roads, we used canoe to go up and down the river. Milled our corn at Ft. Wayne until the mill in Brunersburg built. Only 8 miles (several years after we came to Defiance County).

Commercial Hall Lecture on Health every night. Dr. Stoltz and Van Doren, Psychology. Hypnosis, restoration of speech, restorative to a paralyzed right arm.

Cable cars are a failure on Brooklyn Bridge. A different system than San Francisco. They should have looked westward.

A Chicago statistician:it costs 3/8 cent a day for good medical care. If you pay your physician more than $1.37/year,he's overpaid.

Joseph Medill publisher of the Chicago Tribune as a witness before the U.S. Senate Sub. Comm. on Education and Labor. "The chief cause of poverty in the U.S. is the improvidence of the people. The only solution is to teach them to save. Too much of their earnings go to liquor and tobacco."

Born to George Wort family Sept. 29, a son.

A "wind railway" is being built from Antwerp through Paulding to connect with the Nickle Plate.

The Western District Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod will meet at Lost Creek. Rev. Wesner Pastor.

Fair directors report receipts of $2,426.88. When all bills are paid expect $ 200..profit.

Bunnel Boon and Bevington plat their new addition. Accepted by the village, a new street opened up in addition. Columbus Street.

It is the opinion of all who have visited both fairs that our grounds excel and for shows we equal them.

For some time past a rumor that we might get a second R.R. now seems a possibility in junction with the B&O in Hicksville. Fort Wayne, Peoria and Galesburg R.R. A number of Fort Wayne business men and capitalists as officers of the Corp. An extension of 17 miles to Decatur to junction Chicago & Atlantic, Penn. and Nickle Plate.

During the "Sham Battle" at the fair Benj. Vial received a charge of powder to left arm and head from the gun of an over excited member of the Wauseon Post. And Francis Hull of Jewel was injured by a ram rod which some absent minded individual failed to remove.

Editor: Too many are killed in sham battles, they should be better trained. Guns are made to kill those in front and not in the rear of the person that fires.

Dixon Edgerton admitted to the Ohio Bar, with flying colors.

Beer flowed without restriction at Defiance Fair, some said the morals were not affected. From the drunks policemen were leading away as we approached and the men and boys inside under the influence, we feel morals were slightly affected.

J.D. Lower of Republic, O. wed Miss Addie Babbage, by J. Lilly.

The Bryan Fair was not a financial success.

Mr. H.C. Umbenhaur the new druggist has moved his family here.

When the Van Amberig's circus was in Bellville, 13 years ago the tent blew down injuring 40 people. On his return this year he offered free tickets to those who had been hurt. Alas for the ravages of time at whose breath prince and pauper wither and pass away, only 320 of the 40 survived to apply for comp. tickets.

News Oct. 11, 1883

Pay your debts so your creditors can pay theirs.

The war is over, the Victory won. A second amendment Jubilee at Hicksville Friday night October 12.

24,000 bushels of apples will be shipped from Hicksville.

Harvest services at Lost Creek Lutheran well attended.

OLD SETTLER'S MEETING CONTINUED.

Mr. Wentworth came forward. This calling a man from the corn shocks to speak puts fear in a man. I've killed bear, fought wolves and was not as badly scared as now. I've heard soldiers say it is easier to talk to other soldiers of their experiences, it is also true that talking to you who have experienced many of the same things (so that you recognize what is true) is similar. Mr. Snook came 8 or 9 years before me. My first funeral was that of Margaret Richards in Delaware Twp. They went sleighing on the ice on the river, the horse broke through, regained his footing and drew the runners away leaving the box and it's four passengers in the river. Three escaped but Margaret Richards was under the ice. Does any one here remember the incident? (3 or 4 respond.)

I remember going to camp meeting held on Samson Merchant's land. A United Brethren meeting but the Methodists and whole religious community went. We boys would go 15 miles to see a few people, we never minded going 15 to 20 miles to see girls. Pat Landers, Joe Miller and Mr. Crary were there. The meetings lasted a week and all seemed to enjoy themselves. A stranger said "I haven't preached much but if I got lost in the bush I hope I have fire enough to burn my way out" He had not preached long till he jumped over the platform, stood on a bench in the front and continued his preaching. I never saw such excitement. Were any of you there? voices said yes. I was then 15, a boy older than myself came to me and said "don't you feel like going forward?"."If do so you may receive a blessing." I never saw him before or since, If that boy is here let him speak.

One more story. I was at the opening celebration of the Wabash and Erie Canal. I traveled from Pucker Brush to Ft. Wayne a distance of 24 miles in company of William Shepherd. I had 75 cents in money , he had 37. I heard Governor Cass make a speech about connecting the waters of the Mississippi. Were any of you there? Voices "I was there".

News Oct. 18, 1883

Born to Mrs. I.P. Blakeslee, a son.

No less than a dozen new residences being built here.

H. Kintige is manufacturing apple barrels, 480 a day, 8 men.

Farmers can be seen on our streets every day selling apples, potatoes, cider, apple butter etc.

In Defiance Co. 4,982 votes were cast. 2,232 for prohibition.

No more 3 cent pieces, they were made to buy 3 cent stamps.

Anchor Mills. Flour at $1.40 a sack.

Married, Ridgway Murphy and Miss Minnie Smith.

Akron has a physician still practicing at 91. Evidently he has not taken his own medicine.

L. W. Wilder goes west with 4 car loads of apples.

A.M. Wort has traded his lot next to the new furniture factory on Smith Street for a lot in Mr. Bunnels new addition, will move his house there.

Mark Township Trustees have drained 2,000 acres.

Now that the water works scheme has been defeated by voters in Defiance, the Express is agitating for a street car line.

George Webster has bought 90,000 brick for a new home.

CONTINUED OLD SETTLERS

Mr. Bartholemew's story about leaving his shot bag at home, wounding a deer, the dog chasing

Wilderson 2nd. door west of the Bank.

Millinery, Irish & Platter, two doors east of Commercial Hall.

Peoples Drug Store, first corner west of Ains. Boon Bevington.

News Oct. 25, 1883

CONTINUED OLD SETTLERS

Lyman Langdon:

In St. Laurence Co. N.Y. Mr. Crary and his father were our neigh bors and the Hopkinses and others. Knowing that land was selling by the Government at $1.25 an acre men became discouraged and sold their improved land. Rices and Hopkinses came in 1835, I met them in Cleveland and on the Maumee River. We had the whole country here 100 miles in extent. In 1835 the party entered land in the Farmer Center area. The Conkeys, the Lords, two Rices, Lacostes and myself. In 1836 we moved onto our land, soon after the Crarys came and Chapmans, we were all poor. We left the country good and I hope that all of those here that have cleared up their farms, and made roads are repaid by the gratitude of their decendents for what they have acc-omplished. In 1837 I was notified that I was to serve as a road reviewer, and the only clearing from Edgerton through was Farmer Center and the East side of Milford. When we got to the St. Joe River we went to Mr. Websters and stayed in his log cabin unchinked, no ceiling but the roof and fireplace at one end. But we were glad to be entertained. During this time in coming through the Black Swamp to the Maumee we had many trials and discouragements. 1837 was a year of want, provisions scarce. In the Fall of 1836 Defiance merchants engaged all the corn of the farmers on the Auglaize and paid some money in advance to hold it knowing there would be immigration in 1837. Among those who sold was a Mr. Hudson who sold his crop at 50 cents a bushel being paid $5.00 in advance by Evans & Co. On his return home he heard there would be a great scarcity and perhaps starvation. He went back to Evans & Co. gave the money received and asked to be released from his contract. When Evans refused to release him he said" I do not propose to ever give you that money nor will I sell you my corn. If any come tome for corn he can have it. He asked no money for his.

Edgerton came here to look after Hick's land, he brought with him the papers to show Burwell that he was superseded. We became acquainted and I'd be glad to see him anywhere. We traded horses sight unseen. Two years after we came the Indians were removed. Politics in the County always Democratic, death to anyone who was not. Mr. Edgerton went to the Legislature, afterward bought out the Hicks. He is one of the few who scatter their earnings, Mr. Keens and Mr. Otis another. On occasions like this we feel as good as anybody.

When friend Edgerton was appointed to white wash the legislature he did it well. He found Congress and they found him, then undertook to straddle two fences and never got on well. I am done.

Brooking, Homeopathist, Lehman Bldg. 1st door west of U.B. Church.

A. Summers Atty. at Law. On Main one door west of Post Office.

Land for sale: 80 acres 4 mi. N.E. of Hicksville, 160 acres 4 miles N. of Hicksville, being part of the Estate of John C. Arrow-smith. J.F. Haller Cicero.

Sergeant Mason who abused his trust by trying to shoot Guiteau (killer of Pres. Garfield) is now in Penitentiary at Auburn, N.Y. serving out a sentence of 8 years. Seems in a fair way to be pardoned. 900,000 people have petitioned for his release. Judge Advocate general Swarm is of the opinion that Pres. Arthur will act on it.

Five civil rights cases are before the Supreme Court.

Two sections of the Civil Rights Act according colored persons equal privileges in railway cars, hotels and theaters are unconstitutional as far as the States of the Union are concerned. Mr. Justice Bradley writing the opinion, Justice Harlan only dissenter.
I. Congress had no constitutional authority to pass section questions
2. That the 14th. amendment is prohibitory on state only.
3. That the 13th. amendment gives no power to Congress to pass sec-tions referred to because it relates only to involuntary servitude
It is the opinion of the court that the 1st. and 2nd. act of Congress March 1, 1875, an act to protect all citizens in their civil and legal rights are unconstitutional.
Justice Harlan is in opposition in that this is not what the public desires.
THE OLD SETTLERS CABIN STANDS UNFINISHED

A daughter born to wife of Mr. W. E. Otis.

Married, Solomon Hart and Lurinda Johnson.

Homes of George Taylor and H.G. Elliott on High Street are nearing completion.

Josiah McCorrnick's visiting daughter Vina E.Purdy, Pikesville,O

E.W. Crook building a neat residence on Cornelia Street.

Jerry Kefer is building on the next lot.

A.P. Edgerton building two tenement houses, one on Main the other on Edgerton Avenue.

O.J. Rose did the "wind work" in closing out Henry Kahn"s stock at auction in Edgerton. Mr. Kahn goes to Chicago.

Latest echoes from the F.W.P & G.R.W. R.R. Surveyors have passed through Hicksville from Ft. Wayne, from here they continue northeast under another organization. The Ft. Wayne, Detroit and Canada R.R. will pass through Williams Center, Bryan, West Unity and Fayette. Will pass through Hicksville on Hicks Street, 25 feet north of the fair ground. An easy grade throughout, few bridges.

Hon. A.P.Edgerton has sold 16 lots in his 3rd. addition and on each a house will be built. He sells on easy terms and requires a dwelling to be built.

West End: Ava Gingery installed a circle saw in his mill.

Rice Hopkins is putting in a grocery at Logan.

J.A. Hootman having his blacksmith shop moved to his farm.

Wood for school # 3. F.Countryman & H.Hootman at 1.35 a cord.

Nimrods from Hilsdale passed through from Paulding Co. report small game scarce, except porcupine too plenty for coon hunting.

News Nov. 1, 1883

OLD SETTLERS MEETING

A. P. Edgerton has little to say of what was more philosophical

Boot and Shoe, Anton Webber opposite U.B. Church.

Hicksville Bank, E.D. Otis Cashier.

Mr. J.W. Lower will operate a milk wagon for convenience of the people.

Tuesday services announced for St. Pauls frequently.

Miss Lydia, daughter of Peter Hilbert age 27, consumption.

Hon. W.D.HIll is making arrangements to move his family to Washington where he will take his seat in Congress.

News Nov. 15, 1883

PIONEER HISTORY

One of the purposes for which we publish the News is to make it a part and an interesting and valuable part of the history of our surroundings. We tell our readers that their everyday life in their homes and in all their avocations if intelligently recorded, is to become history. It is our business to see and to record how we cultivate our farms, what kind and the extent of the work we do in our shops and in our manufactories, how we manage our schools and how we raise our children. In doing this we make our paper a part of the history of our times.

In after years the pages of the News will be looked over to see who were the business men in our town and what they were doing and our record in advertisement and editorials will be accepted as the best history of our day. Even to business men who never advertise we will be of importance for we will publish the notice of their death and thereby fix their name in our history.

Prospects for the R.R. look more cheerful. Ft. Wayne Sentinel, a company of first class men free of the sleightest taint of "Jobbery"
or corruption. A short distance west of Hicksville the line strikes the right of way of the Chicago & Canada Southern. After that Co. had constructed 40 miles of right of way grade through Northern Ohio and into Indiana it fell in to the hands of Vanderbilt who squelched this competitor to his Lake Shore and Michigan Central interests.
Not Peoria as the western terminus but Minoc, Ill. where it will junction the Chicago Burlington and Quincy. Company expects to start work as soon as the frost is out of the ground.

News Nov. 8, 1883

OLD SETTLERS

Mr. Wentworth, in 1834 my father came to look at this land, stayed one winter, on his return to his home in Maine at which time I was six. I remember him telling my mother that he had got as nice a piece of land as lay out doors. He told her it was in the wilder-ness, no neighbors near and Indians plenty. I remember the answer she made "the Indians will kill us" and she cried like a child.

In 1834 in September a considerable stir in our families, neighbors gath-ered to see us start for the wilderness of Ohio. We went in wagons three miles to Bangor where we were to take shipping to N.Y. City. My father called out to the captain that he was ready to be taken aboard. Next morning we sailed down the Penobscot river, soon got to the ocean. Nine days to reach New York City. Once becalmed, once in a storm at New York our goods were packed into wagons and transferred to another boat which we took up the Hudson to Albany. On the way to Buffalo City, I was running on the deck of the canal boat and fell into the canal. I made it to the shore coming to a stone wall where I crawled up till I came out of the water. A boy reached out and took me by the hair and drew me out. The next inci-dent was on the steamer between Buffalo and Perrysburg.

As I was walking on the deck a man took me below then back up on the deck. Another boat the Daniel Webster came up and exchanged passen-gers. While thus exchanging, the boiler blew up killing the man who had taken me below and six or seven others. My time has expired, I now bid you good bye.

Meeting adjourned.

Poles have been erected from the Swilley House to the depot for telephone lines.

Mr. George K. Otis has purchased the Cole property on High Street, it will be occupied by a saloon till Spring.

Mr. J.H. Coulter is making improvements on his Tight St. home.

Young ladies wishing to obtain board for the winter term of school should apply to Mrs. A.S. Andress. Last house on Smith Street.

Town Dads of Paulding purchased ten gasoline street lamps.

Why cannot Hicksville be delivered from darkness?

A.M. Wort who has faithfully carried the mail for the last 8 years between the depot and P.O. has had his salary doubled, now $200.00 per year.

See Knapps history page 323.

W.O Hughes Hardware, 1st.,2nd.,3rd. and 4th. doors north of Ainsworth, Boon Bevington store.

Isaac Hilbert building on his house on Spencerville Street.

A little girl arrived at the home of L. E. Griffin.

Mr. Clem Edgerton of Fort Wayne visited Dixon Edgerton.

J.M. Ainsworth & R.M. Simmons are buying hogs, shipped 7 cars, there is almost no corn crop.

J.B.Hootman finished a ditch on his farm. 680 ft. 5 to 6 ft.

The next legislature will be petitioned to abolish the prison labor contract system and adopt a uniform system of school books.

Net earnings of Ohio Pen. $52,932.21, best year in history.

Frank Holbrook & Len Seevers bought a portable saw mill for the south east part of the township.

Wed Sat. Nov. 3, in Auburn, Ind. at the residence of O.S. Allen by Rev. Ward; Mr. Wm. Delhauer of Canton, O. Miss Ella Hartle of Hix

Forlow & Co. have manufactured 177,000 tile & 110,000 brick. Of this number 85,000 were 3". Their work gives satisfaction.

Farmers using self binders are receiving threatening letters that their barns will be burned. There have been several burned. Some farmers think it's a ruse by insurance men to sell insurance.

Ft.Wayne Sentinel: Judge Skinner's address, several years earlier.

News Nov. 15, 1883

If we are to have a history, somebody must write it and we intend to make The News valuable to all our readers because we wish it.

In this connectioon we print the following because it contains some valuable suggestions as to written history.

Putnam County Sentinel of Nov. 1, 1883, Ottowa, Ohio.

The following correspondence will explain itself and no doubt be of interest to many older citizens.

Lima, Ohio, October 22,1883. Editor of the Putnam Co. Sentinel.

Dear Sir: I received the following letter from Hon. A. P. Edgerton of Ft.Wayne to whom I sent a coppy of my address to the Pioneers of your Co. and thinking there were some valuable suggestions, that would interest others as well as myself. I asked permission to offer it to you for publication. It's service is in this, that it calls attention to the value of men of highest intelligence place upon what tends to preserve the early local history of every portion of the County. Your giving it a place in your columns will also serve partially to renew your older reader's acquaintance with Mr. E. who as a Senatorial member of Congress of the Northwest seerved it's people as ably and effectually in a difficult time as any who have represented this section of the State. Respectfully yours, James Mackinzie.

Fort Wayne, Sept. 29, 1883. to Judge James Mackinzie.

My dear friend, I have receieved from you the Putnam Co. Sentinel containing your address before the Putnam Co. Pioneer Association September 1st. 1883. I thank you for it and have read the address with great interest and pleasure. Our mutual friend Judge Skinner did well when he made you promise to make the address and you have done well by keeping your promise. By doing so I know you better and I know more of the early settlement and of the early pioneers of the County than I could otherwise have known. I recognize among the names many who were my early friends who made me politically.In the near future, Judge Skinner's address made a few years ago and yours just made will become an important part of the history of Putnam Co. and the early settlement of N.W. Ohio. Too much is said and too little written in the early settlement of every country, for words unwritten make tradition only, written they make history.

Had you and I kept a journal of what we daily saw and heard, what a history of work, wit, folly, passion and pathos and sublim-ity would it now and hereafter furnish! Now our memory fails to recall in neccessary exactness the good and valuable things we know must forever be lost. Had we kept a journal we could not only have correctly related events but could have shown the charachter in those around us. There is a philosophy in the rough hewed aims and ends of pioneer life which opens and bearutifies and illumkens the way to our national wealth and power. We should have been historians of this life in it's daily teachings. But with us as the hours run fast and the judgement is near: therefore let us justly judge and censure ourselves for what we have neglected to do.What old pioneer, unskilled in woodcraft has not found, like you, that horse sense was better to take him out of the woods than his own? I too have ignom-monously failed to see the points of the compass in a moss covered tree. Trees are to the uninitiated, as untruthful and as unreliable as the resolutions of a political convention and are as misleading as a Methodist Presideing Elder's prohibition sermon.

I was amused at your account of your effort with the Rev. John Tussing and at your success in convincing him of my "real worth" in spite of my fine clothes. Once when I was on trial for political delinquincies,I believe the Rev.John Tussing was a steadfast friend. You have taught him that the best and only true rule of judging men was and is by what is inside of the skin. Man cannot be measured by dress nor wealth nor by aught outside of his skin, that covers all of him. Those who have not known me intimately perhaps have failed to discover that I never had any other measure of a man than his "skin measure". I have always recognized a man's rights, moral social and political, to make a fool of himself in the studied plainess or careless indiferences of his dress, or in his vanity and display of it. Like Brewster, now Attorney General, yet he is no more of a fool in that particular than was William Pinkney of who Benton said "Oratory is his glory, the law his profession, the bar his theater". He spoke to be seen and heard, not to be read and therefore his most brilliant efforts were lost to the world.

In this digression I have lost the moss bearing indication of trees and therefore turn to the Rev. John Tussing "you coverted" as the Methodists say and I "confirmed"him as the Episcopalians say. "Once Upon a Time" I came up the canal on a picket from Dayton to the Junction and on it lay a man "sick with a fever" fever and ague. He was an entire stranger to me, but he was suffering and that was enough. I did for him the few kindly things which time and circumstances permitted, and we parted, I supposed as we met, stran-gers. Our old friend H.S. Knapp afterwards told me that this man was Rev. John Tussing who supported me throughout my political trial to which you refer.

I met today Judge John Morris to whom you refer in your address and as one of the early settlers, was anxious to obtain a copy. The Judge is one of the best lawyers and one of the best men in the State. He has a fund of interesting remenissences of Kalida. In Knapp's History of the Maumee Valley page 323 you will find a "good thing" furnished Knapp by Judge Morris. I have no friend who has a keener appreciation of the fine points of a story, nor a more correct perception of the strong points in a case at law than Judge Morris. Again thanking you for your valuable and interesting paper.A.P. Edg.

CHOICE LOTS: In Edgerton's third addition to Hicksville.
For Sale at $87.50 and $100.00 each. Easy terms of payment.
No better lots in the Village. A.P. Edgerton.

Shot Gun Cigar at Correll & Bloom fields, ask for it.
One metal tag in 5,000 cigars entitles the luckey smoker to the fine imported double barrel breach loader which can be seen in the store.

News Nov. 22, 1883

Our Co. jail has ten prisioners, 6 accused of murder.

Luther Loveland will have public sale at residence, Newville,rd

A.L. Grice & Flint are each building homes in Edg. 3rd. Addn.

Paulding Council will purchase a hand drawn fire pump engine from Fort Wayne.

Chester Blodget is now anchored in Montpelier with Elliots photographic car.

Schott ditch completed to lower Koerner Lake 4 feet, adding a large amount of tillable land.

News Nov. 29, 1883

S.M. Boon of this place and R. Miller of Logansport, Indiana have patented a patent solder that does not require acid.

Mr. Emanuel Reish has taken hold of the matter of a working interest of Wm. Getty of Getty's patent stove drum. Mr. Reish and Henry Bricker will manufacture and sell territory with the privalege of the purchaseer manufacturing. They are constructe so one seasons burning will not burn them out.

Saturday at Same Meeks land on Dutch Street the trustess will sell the contract for opening up a certain portion of the road on the town line between Section 9 in Mark and Section 24 in Hicksville making in all a half mile.

J.W.Kenfield of Galesburg, Ill. representing the firm of A.H. Andrews & Co. of Chicago, makers of church furniture and assembly chairs, in town last week made a sale of the furniture of the new Opera House. The house will be seated with perforated opera chairs and 100 continuous seats making a capacity of 600.

Saturday of last week a block became lodged in a valve on the large water tank of the B&O in such a manner that the 2,500 barrels of water was emptied on the track which very nearly caused a washout

Montpelier has 1,100 people, male and female equal in number.

Defiance considering a factory for making embroidery.

Improvements in Hicksville in 1883, amounted to $90,000.

News Dec. 6, 1883

Georgetown is to have a R.R.. and it is booming.(FW & GRR) has been located through Springfield Twp. near the line of the survey made several years ago from Bryan to Ft. Wayne. With good R.R. facilities our town should pick up it's ears. We have a fair commencement consisting of a store, blacksmith shop, brick and tile factory, school, two churches and one of our townsman has hitched on an addition to his house in preparation It is hinted to opening a hotel as soon as work commences on the road. The town already has a sewer the length of Puckerlip Street, a sawmill is talked of and one proposes a saloon. The less we have of his poverty making, crime engineering and misery producing potations the better.

West End: Gregor Gessner has finished the Smith bridge.

Williams Center: Wood cutters on Amos Oxenrider farm felled a hollow beech tree in which they found a deposit of 11 snake eggs. The eggs were webbed together and to the sides of the tree at the upper end of the hollow, twenty feet above the stump. A few inches below the eggs was a net work of fibers about the size of common wrapping cord Each egg contained a snake six or eight inches long and belonging to the house or milk snake species.

Tests of soil temperature have shown in some case 10 to 15 degrees higher temperature in the drained as compared to undrained land.The thorough tiling of ground is equivalent to moving 150 miles further south.

Polygamous marriages continue in Utah in spite of Congress.

Mrs. Hicks-Lord spent latter part of Summer and is spending the Autumn months in visiting country homes of friends among the British Nobility and Scotland. Her letters full of interest, has not yet decided upon plans for the Winter, but declares her intention of not being persuaded to remain abroad longer than Spring.(N.Y.Journal)

Chicago is the greatest rail center, 850 trains leave per day.

May the time come when the road in district one from Sanderson farm to Six Corners is in condition fit to travel. Several break-downs have occurred on account of their present condition.

If as proposed the whiskey tax is divided among the the States, the State of Ohio would receive $5,590,00 per year on the basis of last year's production of the ardent spirits.

Married: Mr. Wm. Lawson and Miss Annie Getrost.

Burn sulfur in cellars where milk is kept, especially where damp. Destroys mildew which if not checked damages flavor of cream.

Wilderson & Co. have purchased of Mrs. H.A.Simpson the business property they occupy. (2nd door west of the bank.)

Married: Mr. George Seibert to Miss Charlotte Miller.
Mr. Wm. Coburn of Michigan to Miss Amanda Davis.
Market: Wheat .95; Corn .60; Oats .30; Eggs .22; Potatoes .35.

News Dec 13, 1883

1,935 tile factories in the country mostly in the west. Employ 12,107 men, Capital of $6,539.281.Value of product, $ 5,462,526.

Bowman House, new name of Hotel in Farmer.

NOTICE: I have bought the entire stock of merchandise of Dilworth and Maxwell. I will continue the business at the old stand.
A first class stock of dry goods. George K. Otis.

Shooting gallery in the Commercial Block.

The Franco-Chinese Conflict. Laos and Cambodia map. French invasion started last March capturing Hanoi, Hue, the Anamass Cap.
A treaty was made unsatisfactory to China.

Senators: G.A. Pendleton, Dem.1885; John Sherman, Repub. 1887

Hicksville has an enterprise and stir about it that few other towns of it's size possess.

Mary J. Brillhart has sold her house on Bryan St. to G.K. Otis and moved to Illinois.

Antwerp has a basket factory employing 65 men. Has a capacity of turning out 1,350 baskets a day.

The obscene vicious literature must go. (Police Gazette etc.) It is an evil which every parent should demand be abolished.

The Dramatic Group has been reorganized and will put a play on the boards as soon as the new Opera House is completed.

Edon has decided to pay their Marshal $20.00 a year. The salary to be paid quarterly, after a year in office he should be in a condition to retire and live in luxury.

Bid for opening up 1/2 mile of road Hix-Mark line, $59.00

Defiance is getting the carriage hardware factory, in 3rd.ward.

Hicksville must have something of this character to put it further to the front as a mfg. point.

A man can never get religion unless he wants religion. So it is with towns in regarding to building up and furthering manufacturing industry. It requires effort on the part of citizens and not a feeble one either.

J.M. Phillips was in town and we learned these facts concerning the much talked of barn that was built on the farm this season. It cost $765.00, is 40 x 60, all best material mostly pine, all on a stone foundation.

I.A. Gingery will be removed to his new location in the Opera House Block. It will be handsome quarters, the lights will be such that it will bright as day.

The Edgerton Observer tells of a boy in the primary department being found with a chew. He was made to swallow it as punishment, then taken to the principal's office where he was made to chew and swallow the rest in the paper, nearly a nickels worth. As a natural result the boy has since been very sick and the case is being in-vestigated by the Grand Jury at next session. Such barbarity should not be tolerated and the teacher who would inflict such severe a punishment should be made to suffer for their crime, as it can properly called nothing else.
Annual Proclamation from the North Pole, signed Santa Claus.

News Dec. 20, 1883 Starr & Dowell Publishers.

The first Congress had 65 member, the 48th. 325.

18,086 Homesteads entered in Florida this year.

Chicago has the Republican Convention, has had three times.
Lincoln 1860, Grant 1866, Garfield 1880. Lincoln's second nomination 1864 in Baltimore, Grant's second in Philadelphia, Hayes nominated in Cincinnatti.

Ohio Liquor Dealer's Protective Association meeting at Columbus for purpose of perfecting plans to urge on the Legislature to repeal or modify the existing temperance laws on the statute books. An organized threat to come to their terms and benefits.

A successful test of the electric light as a locomotive head-light was made at the Wabash depot in Chicago recently. The electri-city generated by a dynamo machine situated in front of a cylinder which is worked from the engineer's cab. Entirely distinct from the engine proper, being operated by valves of it's own. The light ill-uminates the track for about a third of a mile so that an object of any kind could be distinguished at that distance. A large number of prominent railroad men witnessed the test.

During the past year the population of Dakota increased 100.000

Entire population of Territory estimated between 350 and 400,000. Assessed valuation of property last year 48, now 75 million.

Fountain Chapel M.E. Church, 1 1/2 mi. east of Pike, 3 miles S.E. of Hicksville, school district 8, Carryall Twp.

Mr.Henry and Emily Oswalt the oldest residents. She born Mar. 31st. 1811, he born Nov. 8, 1811. There are 104 resident, 50 of which are school youth, 16 Republicans to 3 Democrats.

Stinger School house 1/2 mile north of the river bridge on Antwerp Hicksville pike burned Dec. 8th. Mr. Walter Collins will commence school in R.J. Stingers.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton returned from Fort Wayne Monday.

Ira Culler is clerking in Wesley Batchelor's Hardware.

Mr. Bridenbach has purchased the old school on Dutch Street.

Sat.Bryan votes on whether to light the town with gas.

A basket factory that will employ 20, will "flutter down" on Edgerton to which the Editor of the Observer says , "give us the factories and let our sister towns have the railroads.

I.W. Gingery has moved to his new room in the Opera House Block Although the room is not quite completed he was compelled to move so he would have the facilities to display his large stock of Holiday Goods. Call and see him in his new quarters where you will certainly receive a hearty welcome.

A new enterprise for Hicksville is the feed and provision store of Kyle Brothers at the old Loveland building. They will keep flour and all kinds of feed, corn, oats potatoes, apples, meat, lard butter, eggs etc.

Fire! The house of Wm. Steel on N.Cornelia, roof flames put out.

A building occupied by a saloon caught fire from coals in a bucket sitting near a partition. Hole in floor & wall, close call.

Lower false teeth found in mill yard of Hicksville mfg. by James Higgins. May have for paying for adv. From appearance the owner had worn them less than 4 score years, was an inveterate user of tobacco, had a mouth the size of a ham. If you see a toothless individual who looks like he had lost something, send him in.

Mr. A.M. Hootman is in charge of Commercial and Penmanship at the Jennings Seminary & Normal School at Aurora, Illinois.

Christmas programs for all the churches.

C. Werum has made a very ingenious and attractive Caloric Powered item with which he has attached to his stove pipe in his store. It is comprised of a house wife churning, another doing washing and a man trotting a tin baby.

New Dec 27, 1883

Mr. Frederick Hart is lying very sick at his daughter's, Mrs. Peter Countryman.

Fountain Chaple Corners: Emily Oswalt wife of Henry Oswalt died Dec. 24th. aged 72 years,3 months, 20 days. Sermon by Rev. S.M. Boggs of Antwerp. Burial in Clark cemetery. Emily Tomlinson born March 31, 1811, married Henry Oswalt Oct. 8, 1829. Mother of 11 children, of whom 7 are dead, 4 living. The oldest A.H. Oswalt now living in California aged 53. Mr. & Mrs. Oswalt came to Paulding Co. 40 years ago under the cabin roof amidst the forest she toiled for her children, six of whom she laid in graves before they reached manhood or womanhood.

Cicero band composed of Isaiah Greer, mouth organist and George Dickerhoof on the bones.

A novel way of preserving eggs. During the Summer break the eggs in to bottles which are tightly corked and sealed. They are placed in the cellar neck down, contents come out as fresh as when put in. So it is claimed.

Died of dropsy of heart Dec. 23. George W. Chapman, a resident of Milford for 45 years. Born in Gill, Mass. Sep. 29, 1803. A well written sketch of his life may be found in Defiance Co. History.

The Evangelical Church is located on West Cornelia Street.

Leonard Seevers & Frank Holbrocks have their saw mill running and are cutting out almost 4,000 feet of lumber a day.

A commissioner inspected the bridge on Smith Run and did not accept it.

F.L. Forlow spending Christmas in Cincinnati.

Receipts for the year from canal business at Defiance $6,005.

Casebeer & Snyder did a charitable act on Christmas Day by distributing about $20.00 of meat among the poor people of town.

It is said that the largest apple tree in the world is opposite the Auglaize on the Maumee at Defiance. Six feet in diameter.

A letter from V.E. Babbs of Waterbury, Dakota. to M.W.Babbs, father.

It keeps one busy to make a home and haul everything so far and farm at the same time. You have had the experience of making a home and starting on nothing, so you can form some idea of what I have to do. We have been living like gypsies this Summer but we are now getting fixed so it seems more like home. We have our house plaster ed. The weather was so cold while I was plastering that I had to keep two fires going to keep the plaster from freezing. We fired below with coal in the cook stove and I was surprised to find so much heating quality in hay. It is better than coal, the only trouble is in twisting it into "sticks". After burning hay till we get a good bed of cinders and ashes we fill the stove with well twisted hay and it will keep fire for three hours. I have no fear of freezing since I have tried hay fuel, we have plenty of hay.

We have had some pretty cold weather, mercury running below zero at three different times as one, and another 7 degrees. The roads are very nice, smooth and dusty in Summer. We have had no rain since the 24th. of October, we hear of raining and snowing in the states while we are having splendid weather.

I still think we have a grand country as far as I have tested it, it goes beyond by expectations. My crops were all planted late for the reason that we had to break sod for every foot we sowed. And so much hauling to do and other improvements to be made. I threshed 131 bushels of flax seed from 5 bushels sowed, and if it had been threshed right I would have had 150 bushels. My oats yielded 30 bushel to the acre, some of the turnips measured 25 inches in circumference. We pulled 70 bushels of onions, potatoes nice and of excellent quality. I have 30 bushels of corn that will do for seed. If the gophers had left my first planting alone I would have had at least 150 bushels. I think I will have enough corn to winter me.

It is very necessary to plant early and put in well to realize good returns. Wheat yields from 18 to 40 bushels per acre according to the state of cultivation of soil and time of sowing. If we have a good season next year as we have had this and I keep my health, I expect to do well, for I know we have the soil to "whoop" things along if properly handled.

This has been the busiest season of my life. I will give you a little synopsis of my Summer's transaction so you can guess whether I have fooled much time away.

I left Hicksville the 27th. March, 1883 and arrived on our "pre emption farm" 7th. of April. Plowed 30 acres of sod and cultivated it to oats, corn, flax, onions, potatoes buckwheat, peas, beans and turnips and garden vegetables.

Harvested, threshed and gathered, built a barn, chicken coop, hog pen and a house 16 x 24 two stories; and on my tree claim. Besides this I made a trip to Ohio, moved my family, put up 18 tons of hay in stack, traveled about 1,800 miles with my team hauling supplies, household goods and building material. Besides the travel between my two claims which are 4 1/2 miles apart and farming about half on each claim beyond the work and travel mentioned. I have also dug an out door cellar 10 x 20 feet, 7 1/2 feet deep. finished it.

We are "coaling up" now and getting in our flour etc. for winter. Flour sells for $6 to 6.75 a barrel, coal 6.50 a ton, wheat 75 cents, corn 50 cents, oats 30 cents, flax seed $1.10, potatoes 25 to 50 cents. butter 25 cents.

Our country is improving finally, last Spring when I cam there was but three houses between Waterbury and Kimball, a distance of 23 miles. Now there are over 200 house in the same distance. There was but one house and barn in the town of Waterbury, now there is a good store and grocery, hotel, large livery barn, post office, blacksmith shop, two printing offices and headquarters of a mail and hack line between Miller on the Chicago, Millwaukee and St.Paul R.R. and begins to assume the appearance of a town. I am within a mile of town and can plainly see people walking about the town.

I enjoy prairie life so far, there is no night now but we can see three or four prairie fires. Some of them grand to behold. The fire will run along as fast or faster than I can run for I have tried it. I have a double fire break around my house and barn and 80 acres. We are well protected where we live. There has been no fire within a mile of where we live but on the pre emption it came within 40 rods of the house and we were surrounded by fire. We had to fight hard one night to save our oats and flax from the flames but we succeeded. The fire run over about half our claim, the grandest fire I ever saw. It was one vast sea of fire for miles around and every man fighting his best. We use wet sack or a piece of carpet to fight fire. Every time we strike we put out a patch the size of our sack. Another season I will not have so much hauling and building to do and I will have fire breaks around my premises so I will not have to fight as hard to save my crops. Waterbury Dakota, November 30, 1883.

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West End: edited by Scraps & Scribbles:

Question at West Milford Literary Society"a thief of more injury to a Community than a liar"

Cicero. edited by Harry Jungle.

Forlow & Co. are selling their tile at a lively rate.

Biglow closed a term of his writing class at Chapman School.

Farmer; edited by CEB.

Lost Creek Lyceum has gone up the spout.

Walden & Powell talk of going to Kansas next week..

Lyceum will be organized at Seller's School.

Andrew Crowell has given up going to Kansas, will build a new home on the farm.

A debating society has been organized in the Snakey Run district, mgd..by Case & Johnston.

Married Dec. 20th. by Barclay; Warren Zimmerman & Clara Squires.

Married Dec. 25th. by S.S. Hyde; Wilbur Johnson & Miss Eva Stone.

Williams Center: edited by Country Jake

The band boys now appear in new uniforms.

Born to wife of Sidney Dodge Dec 22, 1883 a son.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lane is quite sick at home of a daughter in Bryan.

The Village schools gave an oyster supper Christmas Evening

Last Friday evening about 50 old and young people loaded into sleds and sleighs and drove to the home of Conrad Zimmerman. A pleasant time was the result, the band furnished music.

The Yuma Indians bury melons in desert sand, they keep all winter.

Postal cards were introduced by Prof. Herman of Vienna, first used in England, Germany, & Switzerland in 1870; Belgium & Denmark in 1871; Norway, Russia & U.S.1872-73.

An organization to be known as "The Immigrant Association" formed among the colored residents of Washington, to help coloreds emigrate from the South, to locate on 160 A. of govt. land. On paying $ 10. the Assoc. will assist in getting to the place.

KITCHEN QUEEN FLOUR Hicksville Mills T.W. Kerr & Co.

transfers: G. Gorgas to Wm. Walkup 180 A Mark Twp $3,250.00

Wm. Walkup to Baldwin Hager 410 A Mark Twp $6,500 many more.

Wentworth Neighborhood.: Christmas night entertainment,32nd Anniversary of Zara Goffs, and 51st birthday of Mrs. Goff. those present.

Springfield Twp . Teacher's institute.W.H. Harter, trustee; J.E. Bodine Sec. Querist- O.J. Greenwalt. Three days, at schoolhouse in Maysville Ind. 10,11,& 12th Jan.1884. Welcome to trustees of Cedar Creek, Milan, Maumee & Scipio Twp.All who are interested in the advancement of education cordially invited. By their presence and voice lend us their aid in the work. Also Co. Supt. Jerry Hilligas.

Committee: Mr. Sharp, Miss Emma Boutton and O.J. Greenwalt.

W. J. KLECKNER GROCERIES AND QUEENSWARE

Thompson and Edgerton Real Estate Agents office in Central Block

also Wilson, Thompson and Edgerton Insurance office in Central Block

Mrs. R. Murphy, Millinery.

St. Nicholas magazine, $ 3.00 per year.

The Century Magazine, (list of features for year 1884) 14th year, $ 4.00

Chronology of notable occurrences during 1883.

Mob kills 4 prisoners (negroes) Yazoo, Mississippi.

Poem on Poverty, page 3.

Ohio Canals haven't come within $65,000 of self supporting this year.

Bids are being received in Defiance for building of a Carriage Hardware Factory.

The more a woman's waist looks like an hour glass, the faster the sands of life run out.

The gravel on High St. has one result little looked for when put down - last week when sleighing was good, the gravel part of the road which is a ridge about 6" high and 10 feet wide in the center of the street became glassy. Sleigh would slip and slide, sometimes throwing out the riders, even horses fell at times, causing delay and sulphurous expletives.

Mr. B.S. Pettit has taken into partnership his brother Edward of Brookston, Ind. a young man of sterling habits.

The Pittsburg Cleveland and Toledo R.R. extending from New Castle to Akron has been leased by the B.&O.and the line between Akron and Chicago Junction will be completed at once. The B & O outlet to New York.

List of those on Pension roles in County, Amount & reason; $1.00 finger to $24.00 leg.

News Jan. 10th. 1884

125,000 Christmas trees were used in New York.

P.T. Barnum will divides $ 10,000,000 among 27 heirs, 700 pages. He had a crowd of medical men present who judged him sane. He wants no lawyers in his estate.

Great Lakes rise for seven years then lower for seven years.

Southern R.R.s as well as Northern are employing agents even in Europe to point out the invitingness of the balmy fruitful South.

Bullion product of Pacific Coast $65,000,000 Utah produced $8,000,000 total for the territory. Since mining started $70,.000,000.

Milford: Debate topic "Emigration to U.S. should be prohibited"

W.G. Pierce one of the oldest settlers has kept records for years says "never such a continued cold spell".

A sled load of young people sleighed to Butler last week one cold night.

Corn husks examined last Fall were very thin, a sign that we were to expect a mild winter.

Hicksville township trustees appoint Dixon Edgerton to fill vacancy, M..V.Starr.

Various towns of this and other states have through a system of Building Associations, done much to assist in the providing of homes for those whose industrious habits and very small savings were the only capital at their command.

Two hundred members paying into a joint fund monthly, the sum either as a whole or divided is then loaned at legal interest to that member of the association who is ready to buy or build. etc.

News Jan. 17th. 1884

Jay Gould paid $21,500 in taxes, W.H.Vanderbilt $ 48,500

A. P. Edgerton Jr. of Cincinnati in town.

Mention of A. P.Edgerton as a candidate for Governor of Indiana, reply -

"Now men who have no money or who are unwilling to pay for office will seldom be permitted to obtain it. Therefore I will have none of it"

News Jan. 24th 1884

Iron masts are now being put into large ships.

CICERO : edited by Harry Jungle (teaching school at Milford)

When Defiance dedicated her Palace Opera House which burned about a year ago, Hicksville people attended, we are about to dedicate our opera house & we extend an invite.

Levi Wilder of Farmer Twp. & W.R. Maxwell of Hicksville Twp. elected directors of the Defiance Co. Agriculture Society.

Work started on the Toledo Glass Factory.

J.M. Ainsworth, returning from Chicago, was shaken up in a wreck near Garret. Passenger train rear ended a freight train; the engineer and fireman set brakes and jumped from engine, killed.

The new Opera House is nearly completed, opening Feb. 7th. First play by a company from Chicago, "A Celebrated Case".

Enterprising Gentlemen headed by B.S. Pettit secured a lease to the upper floor of the recently completed Brick Block.(NW corner of High and Main) proceeded to have it fitted up in the most elegant style. Stage, dressing rooms, fixtures, elevated floor and orchestra chairs. Artists from Chicago have supplied the scenery. It is sliding scenery and embraces all the latest improvements. Proceeds the first night above the actual expenses will go toward liquidating the cost of improvements. B.S. Pettit, manager. The Opera House has a seating capacity of 550 and is supplied with perforated bottom chairs. Seats are now on sale at Pettit's Drug Store

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News Jan.. 31st. 1884

Jeff. Davis not long for this world.

Arab manuscript of 1365 - merchant vessels carried four divers to stop leaks below the water line of vessels in the Indian Ocean.

Letter to the editor from Henry Milliman, Rhea Springs, East Tennessee. Went for his health - Cumberland Mtns. and bridge across the Cumberland river - highest of the kind in the world. Iron trestle, 280 feet above river, few towns between Lexington & Chattanooga

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LOVE'S DRUG STORE AT NEWVILLE BURNED

Frame building owned by F. & A.M. Lodge .

A new iron bridge at Brunersburg.

There is urgent need of a crossing on High Street, a few rods West of the U.B. Church, many worthy citizens make wry faces over having to go to the corner to cross.

On Sunday last at 2 P.M. the farm residence of Andrew Hilbert, now occupied by his brother Daniel Hilbert in Farmer Twp was discovered to be on fire near the first floor of the sitting room where the flue passes through from the cellar below. In a few minutes the building was a blaze all along the line of the flue from ground to top on the outside. But four persons present at the time to undertake the seeming impossibility of saving the building, viz Rev. Wesner and wife, Mr. Hilbert and wife used every means at hand and giving the alarm by ringing the farm bell. But the flames increased and the house had almost been given up and the few who were there were actively engaged in removing the household effects. A number of neighbors came to the rescue and by extra-ordinary efforts the flames were extinguished and the building saved though considerably damaged. Property and contents insured by the Ohio Farmers Insurance Co.

Several weeks ago we mentioned our inadequate fire protection - little reaction from council, partly because they haven't met the last two months. We could hardly save an iron fence were the wind against us in a conflagration. If council would make an estimate of what they can spend possibly the balance could be raised by subscription. Once in possession of an engine and appurtenances the water supply could be secured at no outlay to the Village. Cisterns could be put down by each business house.

I , W.S.Warfield desire to say to the public generally that the statement that has been made that Amos Forlow should have said that " there is no use of a Democrat praying , that they would all go to Hell". is not the statement that he made and that I believe that I misunderstood him. And I now say to the people that this was his statement:

" There is no use of a man praying one way and voting another"

I say this of my own free will in contradiction to all former statements that any person may have said that I made. W.S. WARFIELD

Letter from L.E. Kivtigh from White Lake, Dakota to J.O. Rose.----moved from Mitchel the 2nd. of December, my claim is just 4 1/2 miles south of town and we expect to move there in the Spring. A mile from Flat Rock - adjoins the school section. Only 3" of snow this winter, no rain since 24th. October. J.O.Foot is here running a store, Ben Woodcox of Defiance - his claim joins mine. Dr. Dowd of Sherwood. Fully half of the settlers are old soldiers and Republicans.

News Feb. 7th. 1884
another letter from Rhea Springs, Tenn.

Mrs. Jacob Fitzcharles and daughter Mrs. Carey, visiting Eastern Ohio.
Buds on the peach trees are dead.

West Milford Literary Soc. will not meet so members can attend Opera House.
VAN BIBBER'S LEAP Kanawa Falls, chased by Indians, jumped from above the falls to be picked up by wife in a canoe with his pet bear seated in the rear. Indians shot many times neither VanBibber or wife hit. But on shore they discovered the bear was dead, having taken all the slugs..

Jacob Fitzcharles, "The Old Reliable Brick Maker" of Milford has been making brick at his place for 23 years. He burned 320,000 brick last year.

The service at Commercial Hall was well attended, resulted in the organization of a Sunday School and in the election of the following named officers: Sup. Rev. Wesner, Asst. W.J. Kleckner, Sec. Miss Maggie Wesner, Treas. Miss Miriam Mikesel, Choirister Daniel Kleckner, Asst. Mrs. Lucretia Gorgas, Organist Miss Addie Kleckner, Asst. Miss Clara Long. A committee was appointed to select a hymnal.

Halls Corners: W.H. Ringwalt near here has purchased a new engine & tile mill and will engage more extensively in the manufacture of brick and tile.

Debate topic: It is easier to love a girl whose father is worth a million dollars than one whose father is not worth a red cent.

The Lutherans have secured the corner lot opposite J.M.Ainsworth's residence (Maple & Smith) on which they will erect a church next Spring.

There is the prospect for a new church building erected by U.B. some day in the future, will be a fine brick structure.

Edgerton has on foot a project for a $6,000. hotel building, nearly $4,000. pledged.

George Miller is manufacturing axe handles at S.Blodgetts cabinet shop.

Mrs. A.J. Hartle has returned from a visit with daughter, Mrs. H.H.Wilcox of Topeka, Kansas.

Mr. J. M. Ainsworth has purchased the entire lot occupied by the old Tight Barrell Stave factory on Smith Street.

Mr. G.F. Knight has added all kinds of mill supplies saws etc. to his Mill Dog business.

PAULDING HAS A FIRE ENGINE , we need one.

Manufactured by the Mansfield Machine Works, a Rotary Pump Steamer.
Two hose attachments of 400 feet, two streams of water thrown 200 feet, then 700 feet of hose and 3/4 " nozzle, a stream forced 210 feet. Steam was made in the boiler in six min. Engine is not heavy, can be easily handled by a small force of men on ordinary good road.

Ribbon Social - Upon the arrival of young man a ribbon pinned on - he then can search for the young lady with the same ribbon and becomes her escort.

News Feb. 14th. 1884
Down in Dixie. A letter from Henry Milliman.

John Alexander Ohio's colored cadet at West Point is a credit to his race - 9th in a class of 100- bearing such that members of the classes can but respect him.
Later history will show that he was harassed and unfairly charged and expelled.

Farmer missing for 17 years, returns to discover that his wife has re-married, farm sold.

The word "Reverend" appears only once in the bible; 9th verse 111th. Psalm.
Sherwood: The finest lot of fat cattle we have seen in a long time was driven South through here last week.
Jerico: Henry Mc Cartney is quite sick

Mr. C. Reed lost a fine Shepard dog, some one coveted the skin and killed dog for same.

All Jerico went to Defiance Monday to fight the ditch. Why will people oppose what will be a benefit to themselves and the Community at large?

Disastrous floods in Ohio and Penn.

Krotz Opera Block has received some much needed improvements.

A brick building for the insane to be erected at Poor Farm, an orphanage too.

I. A. Gingery has displayed in his windows a good sized boat with set sails and a picnic party

Women will never be paid as much as men for lecturing, because they have done so much of it for nothing.

Mrs. J.H. Lower nee Babbage of Republic, Ohio is visiting her parents, W.H Babbage.

Two Butler men cut, split & ranked 15 5/8 cord of hard wood in three days. They are cracking their heels together and asking anyone to beat it.

Women on the occasion of the opening of the Pettit Opera House wore hats made of 2 and 3 cent denomination postage stamps.

J.W. Lilly Birthday Party, 37

Pecks Bad Boy articles are doing as much harm as the sensational Dime Novels. Imitation is a large development in a boy and a spirit for practical jokes will fructify under such benign influence as the "Bad Boy Literature"

For $ 6,000. Adam Kline has sold his farm on Tight street to John Hood.

Rev. N. Crary was absent from home during the past week, in that time he delivered seven discourses, preached two funeral sermons and officiated at two weddings. A journey intermixed with joy and sorrow.

Is it wrong to cheat a lawyer? was the topic at a recent debate. The conclusion arrived at was that it was not wrong, but impossible.

Divine service at St. Pauls Monday 16th at 3 and 7 P. M.

Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Opera House by Original. Union Square Co. Celebrated trained donkey and genuine imported Siberian Blood Hounds. The opening of the new Opera House was not as well attended as had the weather been more favorable. Friday nite the same company presented THE PLANTER'S WIFE Sat .nite, JOSHUA WHITCOMB.

News Feb. 21, 1884
SPICY LETTER FROM A.P. EDGERTON TO JUDGE PATTON politics.
West End Items: Frank Coughanouer's term at Thompson School closes.

Small child of Lester Grizwald buried.

Some teachers have not used the globe as much as the Board would desire.
We do not know who the parties are, merely draw attention to the fact as stated to us.
Jerico: Mr. . Horn lost one of his children, measles the cause..
Scipio: Oscar Sanders has not went to see his girl lately , had to stay by the fire & drink hot tea, to drive the measles out of him.

What verse of the bible contains all the letters of the alphabet except J.?

The 7th chapter of Ezra, 21st verse.

Forty-five daily papers are read in Hicksville.

The average cost to build a mile of railroad in Ohio is $ 30,000.

E.M. Bilderback, who moved his family to Michigan, has sold his business property to Jehiel Kelly.

Several houses have been built in the Bunnel, Boon Bevington addition, Smith Street.

T.R. Millison has arrived and is getting his room in the Commercial Block in shape.

DYARMAN BROS have rented a room in Ehrhart Building.

George Getrost who has been in the West for the last year but lately settled in Halstead, Kansas is visiting.

An Explosion: at Hill and Forlow's Office. They have been burning soft coal in common sheet iron stove. The fire had gone out and Mr. John Berger touched a match to a piece of paper and threw it in the stove. followed by an explosion, isinglass blown out of the door, stove pipe blown off and for an instant the office was filled with flames. Mr. Bergers hand was burned, next time he will use a 20 foot pole.

John Johnson has a unique Revolutionary War relic, When Major Andre, the British officer convicted of being a spy was executed at Tappan, N.Y. in 1780, Mr. Johnson's grandfatherComfort Johnson was employed at the Navy Yard and was required to make the coffin.

The saw used was preserved and presented to his son Ebenezer Johnson and passed by him on to John Johnson.

Mr. L. M. Bloomberg has moved his stock of clothing from Defiance to Hicksville.

John Conyers who was in the siege of Fort Meigs is in the Soldier's Home at Dayton. Aged 100, his first wife died 70 years ago, the second wife 50 years ago.

Died, Catherine May Walter, Daughter of Peter and Caroline Walter; 11 mo. 3 days.

Hicksville has often wished that it stood on some great water course, but recent floods have changed the minds of our citizens.

This is the time that when you step on a loose brick on a sidewalk and have a quart of mud squirted up the leg of your best pants.

Died at his home on Antwerp Road, Martin Lybarger, age 41.

A Mush and Milk Social. G. & .R. Hall by young people

Mr. J.P. Frederick informs us that the brick building to be erected on the poor farm for the incurably insane will be 26 x 38 feet . The low story will be fitted with cells and the upper, one large sleeping room. Estimated cost $ 1,200.00 Completed by 1st. of July. At present there are four insane persons - one unmanageable.

Program for the celebration of Longfellow's birthday at the High School.

Almeda Platter Millinery in Who Babbage Building, 2 doors East of Commercial Hall.

Wilderson 2nd. door West of Bank

Great Eastern Clothing Commercial Block

I.A. Gingery Double Rooms in the Opera Block

Bowker & Hughes Stable at the Union House. Traveling men carried to any point in country.

Farmer: Foote and Norway have sold 44 Tons of sugar in the past 3 years.

News Feb. 28th. 1884

Page 2 article on Wilkes Booth

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Patton to Tennessee. on trip.

Dr. Sabin has moved from the Central Block to the Ehrhart Block

U.P. Love family has moved back from Newville. result of drugstore fire.

Dickerhoff and Van Fleet proprietress. of Webster flouring mill have been shut down for four weeks result of high water.

An effort is being made to form a National Bank here.

Frank Houston, J.M. Ainsworth, James Casebeer, Geo. F. Knight, Joseph Kerr & B.F. Casebeer

W. Cleland saw an animal, got his gun, shot and skinned it, a Black Martin.

News March 6, 1884

A Geneva Dentist - New method of extraction. A small square of India rubber pierced with a central hole is pushed over the tooth till the upper part of root is exposed. The India rubber gradually contracts, pulls on the roots and the offending tooth is finally enucleated

without causing the patient pain. Four or five days usually required to complete the operation. Very slight bleeding and a slight swelling of the gum are the only inconveniences experienced.
GREAT EASTERN CLOTHING HOUSE at Gingery's old stand in Commercial Block.
George W. Richie in The Central Block
Father Hamelin, priest of the Hicksville and the Antwerp churches.
125 members of the Grand Army of the Republic lodge at this place.
.Defiance College of Music Catalogue received.
Henry Ward Beecher says "a grievance in church is a holiday in Hell."
Dyarman Clothiers are moved in to the Ehrhart Block
Williams County debt $17,280.; Fulton Co $908.00;Defiance $28,000.Henry $200,000.
Mrs. Ellen Garver of Tuscarawas Co. daughter of Benj. Forlow is visiting.
A petition circulated to give a portion of dog tax for support of the library.
Krotz Block improvement.- platform in the rear of Peoples Drug Store..
Died; Feb. 27, Flora only child of Benj. & Emma Crary, Lost Creek.

Mrs. Marietta Kerr returned from St. Louis Mich. where she has been a patient since Sep.. much improved, treated by Dr. Combs and Dr. Andrews.
Miss Martha Moore will teach at West Milford..
Miss Lillie Hendershott will teach at Vanimen School in Milford.
Mrs. Jacob Fitzcharles returned from a visit in Wood and Crawford Counties.
PLATTER MILLINERY in Wm. Babbage Building, 2 door East of Commercial Hall
Van Wert had 35 families forced to accept public aid last year.
Adam Cline will move his boot and shoe store to Blufton, Indiana.
Lecture, "What is Conscience"? Rev. May at St. Pauls. Seats free to all that may be disposed to listen to the lectures.
Cards are out for the marriage of Edgar M. Pettit and Miss Lillian Hayes of Noblesville,Ind
Burying with the "Head to the West", when Christ comes in the East the corpse on rising will face him.
Commissioners Colby and Struble were in town and granted the contract for building a new bridge across Casebeer's Creek on the Fort Wayne road.
Rev. White has been secured to fill the pulpit of the Disciple Society.
Mark Township wisely invests in ditches. This year draining 5,000 more acres of land.
Defiance doesn't get the Carriage Hardware factory. The factory remains in Fremont.
W.L. Johnson near Farmer Center - Public sale, stock and implements.
New bridge over the Tiffin River in Brunersburg will be 206 feet long, cost $13,591.00
Nine pupils from Hcksville will take the teachers exam in Defiance.
It will take $50,000. to repair the flood damage to Ohio canals.
An attachment was served on the chairs in the County Commissioners Office against the Co. by Constable Seibert, suit by Charles Miller Sr.over some time. First such suit heard of .
A. Mc Conky of Farmer has purchased a fine Kentucky Thorobred Stallion..
Many real estate transfers.
Measles epidemic abating, Baseball Clubs organizing.

News March 27th. 1884
Nebraska's high liquor license law reducing the number of saloons.
Paper buckets, wash basins and water pipe produced by high pressure moulding.
Women to get the franchise in Canada. Toronto Provincial University admits women.
On fourteen sections of the Panama Canal work is being pushed actively. 1,500 men employed. Earn $1.00 per day, spend 20 cents on food.
Use of Opium in this country must soon be restricted, use increasing at an alarming rate. 450,000 pounds last year.

Mr. Carnagie of Pittsburg is building a granite mansion on Cumberland Island a few miles North of Ferdinand, Florida. the burial place of Light Horse Harry Lee.

Eggs: 17,000 cases from 60 to 100 dozen per case are shipped into New York from Austria, Italy, Denmark and Turkey, they keep well for a month or six weeks in straw.

The main exhibition building for the New Orleans Worlds Fair is the largest building in this country, 1,500 feet long, 90 feet deep. The Horticulture Hall is 600 x 100.

Scipio: Oscar Jump has bought the farm of John Sauers.11 mi.from Ft..Wayne on gravel rd.

Sherwood: Officials from the long sought R.R. were here- they want another $400 from local subscribers.

ANCHOR MILLS has lowered the price of New Process Flour to $1.40 per sack.

Articles: The Teeth, their Construction,their Care and their Preservation.

A Tennessee Tragedy: Family of Five Butchered, murderers promptly strung up.

A pensioner had received back pay of $1,200, one white, & two negroes, axe murders.

Ohio has laid 50,000 miles of drain tiles in the past eight years.

The filthy mud holes about the hitching posts should be filled.

Mr. G.F. Knight is about to perfect an improvement in hand drills.

John R. Mote the Antwerp inventor has discovered a method of photography on stone, wood, linen or silk.

H.G. Elliott wishes to thank those who helped save his building and contents from fire.

Of ninety teacher applicants forty-four failed, certificates may be for l-2-3-4 or 5 years..

Rats have such an aversion to peppermint they will not enter where it is present.

Defiance is receiving bids for a Female Seminary, 77 by 65; $15,000.

Butler: John Bowman proprietor of a saw mill, working in the pit dodged a chip of wood was struck by the saw, mutilated and killed.

James Kleckner has rented the NICHOLS BUILDING opposite the Union Hotel, will move his grocery stock and the family will live up stairs. Home on Edgerton St.for rent.

John A. Snyder of this place & L.B. Myers of Huntington, Ind. have rented the E.M. Bilderback building and will open a butcher shop.

Michael Henly, age 24, died of consumption.

FIRE; L.M Wyant Bakery, H.G.Elliott Photography,much damage to his contents moving them out, people put fire out in spite of the head start.

Testimonial Benefit at Pettit's Opera House, by the Hicksville Amateurs in play "Driven From Home" or "High and Low Life in NY City.

April 3rd. 1884

Bryan Press - Cincinnati, Van Wert, and Michigan R.R. a fact, will cross the Maumee at it's narrowest point between Fort Wayne and Toledo, , expect to get on to Jackson this fall, on old road bed.

41 dead in Cincinnati Riots - known killed and wounded 300.

Mills on the St Joe shut down from high water.

A fish weighing 17 pounds killed in outlet to big lake in Milford.

Bertie Cratzenberg- orphan 13 yrs old hung self at Simon Shanks, had been reprimanded.

Wheat looks good - should go 20 to 25 bushels.

Horrible riots in Cin.. Jail stormed by a mob bent on lynching the prisoned murderers, Armory and gun store ransacked for weapons. Court House burned, valuable records destroyed. Fatal collision with troops, men shot down in the street.

Wm Kirk had been murdered for $100.00 by Palmer and Berner, Manslaughter verdict enrages the community.

Miss Amelia Swilley starts today for Delaware University to take lessons in painting.

John H. Barr of Edgerton has purchased the Macky Hotel Bldg..

C.M. Overholt has purchased the grocery and bakery of W.G. Hamilton, Mr. Hamilton. .

Disciple Social at the home of L.E. Griffin on Cornelia Street.

A pure white swan with black legs and bill 7 foot from tip to tip was shot near Pioneer.

The Ohio Legislature passed a law prohibiting contract prison labor.

The Farmers and Merchants Bank Stockholder meeting: elected John Price, Enoch Farmer, James Casebeer, Joseph Kerr, and J.M. Ainsworth directors. James Casebeer President; Frank Horton Cashier; Capital stock $25,000. all subscribed.
Expect to locate near center of business district, open the first of May.

Saw mill and shingle factory of W.H. Wonderly & Henry Miser & Joseph Miller two miles east of Six Corners, burned.

Senator White and the editor are in a running battle, the Senator contributed to the defeat of Judge Patton for renomination as representative.

Work at the Defiance Machine Shop slack, lay off.

Mr. and Mrs. R.F. Kerr off to Hot Springs for her health.

April 10th. 1884

Fountain Chapel Corners:

At a barn raising last week on the farm of Charles Reeb S.E. of here, several accidents occurred James Peeper cut his foot severely, Sam. Robinson met with a similar accident. Mr. Reeb the owner of the barn and Fred Drecksler were injured by falling timbers.

Webster's Mills shut down 4 weeks on account of high water are running.

Article on Lightening.

Florida Facts, that trees are loaded with sour oranges, pests are flies and wild hogs.

George F. Knight is in Cincinnati arranging for the manufacture of his patent drill.

Wreck of the DANIEL STEINMAN 129 persons lost in the wreck of steamer. Struck on rocks near Halifax harbor. A boat with seven in it was overtaken by a swimmer who grasped the gunwales of the boat but was not taken in because a number of others had grasped his legs and there was not room for all. He dove under the boat freeing himself and once more grabbed the boat exhausted. This time they took him in, but later when he refused to bail they threatened to throw him out, he bailed.

Terrible cyclone- Oakville, Ind; N. Alabama, and N. Georgia.

A Maine woman married a dead veteran to secure his pension from being lost. A bride was found - the bans required five days, by the fourth day Robbins was comatose, by the time of the ceremony he was long dead. A legal investigation will be held.

Business failures higher in 1883 than any time since 1878.

Wm. Hilbert has removed from Mark Center to Hicksville.

Charles Hatton - cutter for Lewis and Hersh has patented an adjustable pressboard for shaping pantaloons.

The Lafayette House near the Wabash depot in Defiance burned.

Kerr Brothers Handle factory has been shut down due to the breaking of the cylinder head of the engine Monday.

C.A. Weaver has bought the Cooper tools and stock of H.T. Kintagh and will be found at the old stand near the depot.

A.L. Ridenouer of Farmer Twp has bought G.R. Scott's farm and sold his 80 A. to A.A. Sellers.

Disciple bell will be 34" in D. and weigh 800 pounds, cost $192.00.

Crowl and Arnold have moved the building formerly next door to the old school house on High Street to Bryan Street and will use it as a warehouse for their factory.

Died 3rd. April 1884, Franklin Gordon, 19, burial Sherwood cemetery.
Jacob Walters and daughter express thanks to those who helped at time of death of wife and

mother.

Rev. H.V. Thomas of Chicago will lecture at the Pettit Opera House, "Social Forces".

Presbyterian S.S. officers: Amos Miller Supt. Geo. K. Otis Asst. Alton Otis Sec. and George Shepard Treasurer. Geo. W. Ritchie Chorister, Mrs. Mary Richards Organist, Maudie Cowhick Asst. Bill Cory and Mamie Wort Librarians.

Died at his home near Newville, Ulysses Platter age 21. suddenly after eating dinner, measles.

Died Mrs. Ida V.Walters, wife of Jacob, at residence on Smith St. age 33; M.E. Church Rev. Simms, leaves husband and 14 year old daughter.

Dr. J.S. Brookins has sold house and lot for $1,000. to Mr. Stevick and leaves for Harlan, Kansas where he will practice.

A paper is circulating for signatures of those who will help purchase new instruments for band.

M.E. Officers: S.S. R.F. Kerr Sup. J.M. Ainsworth Asst.; Carrie A. Phillips Sec. Frank Dalrymple Treas.; Nettie Ainsworth Organist; Ida Stoy Asst.

Pleasant Sunday afternoons a great many townspeople walk out to the cemetery. It is a credit to Supt. C.A. Weaver that no cemetery in the country is kept in better order.

Election results; Coulter. Republican. elected Mayor.

April 17th., 1884

Six Corners: The whistle on the tile factory will soon be heard.

John Lawson fencing his garden the old way (split pickets).

Sunday School organized: Amos Forlow Sup.; Dave Meek Sec.; Miss Eliza Maxwell Treas; Mrs. Lyde Otis Organist; Mrs. Delia Otis Chorister;

Farmer: Farmers are planting tile and sowing oats.

C.C. Biglow will teach school in the Brush College District.

Halls Corners: A few smart farmers have finished husking corn this Spring.

Island Shoals, Georgia, Sam McDaniels plowing a field, plowed up a jug; best apple brandy. He soon was gloriously drunk, lying insensible in the field when his mother found him. In anger she broke the jug only to discover that it was a "double decker" with gold pieces in the bottom half. Buried by his grandfather and forgotten.

Michigan letter from E.M. Bilderback, Benzie County, west of Traverse City. Happy!

Wisconsin letter; Backwoodsman. Wages good, $20 to $40 a month, Winters are colder, Ohio people are happy as larks.

Report of Hicksville Union Schools, and finances. Receipts $3,264.14.

Drawing of Grand and Pettit jurors.

Education Bill text by U.S. Senate (Blair)

Annual appropriation 1st year 7 million; 2nd year 10 million; 3rd to 4th year 11 million; to 13 million then descending. All children of school age to have an education. The money apportioned by population; 1/10th for education of teachers.

Legal Notice: Lorentha A. Hart residing at Sedan, Steuben Co. Ind. will notice John A. Hart has filed a petition of divorce.

920,000 feet of tile has been manufactured in Defiance County in 1883,value $8,500.

Great numbers of wild duck marching into the "jaws of death" on Antwerp reservoir.

An Auburn man has invented an elastic horse shoe for paved streets.

A great many dwellings being built in Hicksville.

Defiance Co. erected in '83, 247 dwellings, value $55,388; 3 factories $2,250, 15 stores and warehouses valued at $30,710.00.

Elizabeth, wife of James Maxwell died, service Presbyterian. Church, age 65.

Meandering cows in town and country are a real problem, should be stopped.

Frank Lawson starts for Coffeeville, Kansas farm and new home.

In May D.K.Otis will build a 40 foot two story addition to the rear of the building now occupied by Cole's Saloon.

J.C. Ryan's new home and office are fine structures.

April 24th. 1884

45,000 engaged in watch making in Switzerland.

New Jersey makes the lowest charge for marriage license, 12 cents. Six states including Pennsylvania make no such charge.

A submarine made in Stockholm is 64 feet long, 6 feet wide, 30 horse engine; 10 nautical miles per hour, four persons can remain six hours running. A funnel shaped cylinder is only visible where a glass roof enables man at wheel to see surface and steer.

In France centuries ago monks laid underdrainage of vitrified clay. Properly laid drains are a permanent investment.

Zach McCalla has left for Michigan to get out of the Paulding Co. mud.

Discussion of Horizontal Tariff Bill. TIME TO HUNT GREENS

The Mackey Building is being painted, papered etc for the new hotel.

Sixteen car loads of Immigrants Saturday on B&O west bound, over 600.

Mrs. J.H. Lower visiting parents Wm.Babbage, has returned home to Republic, Ohio.

It will soon be time for the neighbor's hen to climb over the fence and investigate the quality of garden seeds sent by your Congressman.

The Cowcatcher of the Millennium must be coming around the curve. Thomas O. Lowe a leading lawyer of Dayton gives up a lucrative practice to become a Presbyterian minister.

Band boys have their new instruments, they cost $185. and $127.25 was raised.
E.M. Wort leader; Albert Randolf, baritone; I.W. Ackley, clarinet;L.E. Griffin B flat cornet;
J. Wright tenor; C.V. Tanneyhill tuba; George Wort alto; Harry Dowell base drum;
Wash Grice snare.

Cheap excursion to Chicago, Great Panorama of Gettysburg one of many attractions.

A. Kintigh and family to White Lake, Dakota farm and new home.

At the annual meeting of the stock holders of the B.&O.R.R. in Garrett; A.P.Edgerton of Fort Wayne and Henry Newbegin of Defiance re-elected directors.

H.R. Bloomfield retired from the firm of Correll and Bloomfield.

A.R. Steelsmith is manager of the grocery now assisted by Mr. M.J. Schell formerly in the Hicksville Mills.

The table factory of Wm. Culler and Kerr Brothers promises to be quite an industry, present employment is 12 men and they turn out 12 tables per day. The full capacity of the factory would be 25 tables.

F. W. Jefferies made a partner in Miller Brothers on the retirement of Abram Miller. Mr. Jefferies has been a salesman for several years.

Frank Coughanouer made County School Examiner.

Next year it will be necessary to enlarge the town school room accommodations by erection of a new school house. The rooms are crowded to overflowing, the new building will be independent of the present building because of the impossibility of putting on an addition.

The lecture of Dr. Thomas was poorly attended.

May 1st, 1884

Kansas letter Ft. Scott, Poultry business, hatching 250 eggs at a time.

The mean temperature in the lately discovered mining region of Idaho is so very mean that no one can live there more than three months of the year.

Transfer: George Countryman to Wm. H. Hart quit claim 100 A. Hix Twp.

Presidential Race: Conventions in Iowa, Mich., Ind. N.Y. Ohio and other states..
Wm. McKinly, made Chmn. of the Ohio Republican Convention. Supporting Pres. Arthur.

N.Y Edmunds, Blaine strong in the south, Dakota for Blaine, Maine for Butler, Va.Arthur.

RUIN IN SOUTHERN OHIO CYCLONE! Jamestown, Green Co.Woodbine, ten miles south of Dayton.

Defiance has a new hook and ladder truck, ($800.00)

Eli Snyder has started for Kansas

Alfred Ginter through his atty. has secured a pension of $6.00 a month.

Fort Wayne Fair Sep. 30th to Oct 5th. Buffalo Bill with Indians, main attraction.

Hicksville Twp. levy for road fund 2 mills, twp. fund is 1 1/2 mills, school 3 1/2 mills

Dave Wertz pulls the lines over a $ 1,650. Kentucky Stepper. the second Kentucky horse brought to town in the past few weeks.

Butter colors formula: Anuatto, tomeric, saffron, caustic, potash, borax and alcohol.

The cemetery board decided to place 1,500 to 2,000 feet of drain tile.

An effort will be made to grade Clemmer and Jericho roads starting at Henry Moores to Thomas O'Niel to Mark Road.

Defiance new $45,000 Central school building, a hall finer than the Defiance Opera House, four furnaces . Supt. has speaking tube to each room. Attended by 900 students out of 2,300 of school age. Owing to the large number of private and church schools.

Dr. N.R. Simmons of Auburn will occupy the field left vacant by Dr. Brookins going west. Offices in the Lehman building, (west of the U.B. Church)

Casebeer & Snyder begin training their Kentucky mare, Cora E.

May 8th, 1884

Edgerton Observer: Hicksville shows spirit of thrift and enterprise etc. Brother Dowell of the News is pleasantly located in a corner brick.

A salesman from Toledo tried to ford the river coming from Cecil, got into deep water all possessions soaked and strung all over a local hardware to dry. Next time will take train..

Sherwood: A ditch from elevator to butcher shop is a big improvement..

Frank Bloom is having his house moved a little closer to the railroad.

The deadly pork worm TRICHINOSIS. a whole family ill from Pork and sauerkraut.

Frank L. Forlow returned from a visit to Cincinnati.

Twenty circuses will astonish the natives of Ohio this season.

A new dress of paint on the B. & O. elevator.

Wm. Getrost has gone to Coffeeville, Kansas to see how he likes it.

Defiance has four boy and seven girl graduates.

Frank N. Horton, Cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank moving family here.

NATIONAL WOOL GROWERS EXCURSION to Chicago.

E.L. Milliman & C.E. Coburn neatly fitted up a room 1st. door east of Wesly Batchlor's hardware for a first class ice cream.

Mrs. Hicks Lord writing from London the 20th. Says she will sail for New York on the steamer Britannia , May 8th. She contemplates a visit to Ohio early summer.

Memorial Services at Pettit's Hall May 25th.

News May 15, 1884

Twenty-one years ago there were 12 women doctors in the U.S.; now there are 850 and more coming. The Woman's Medical College in Chicago granted 21 diplomas. Of the 339 colleges and Universities in the U.S. of which 24 have more than 200 students, only 17 have more than 20 teachers. Most do not offer as good an education as high school.

Annual crop of human hair bought and sold is 100 Ton. Four ounces in the average clipping from one head thus 1,000,000 heads represented; between age of 15 and 40 seven crops can be grown.

Prarie Farmer booming, 43 years old, the new editor/manager is Mr. Orange Judd.

Letter to the editor from N. Crary in Arkansas.

Wrote from Blue Mound, Ill. about the terrible R.R. disaster, three coaches and two sleepers and one ladies car ditched. Broken rail and high speed, wounding and maiming 40 to 50, 3 or 4 fatally. Our coach on end, stoves people all in one end; lamps had been extinguished 15 minutes earlier and no fire in the stoves. Otherwise would have burned. Continued on after eight hour delay, all of Illinois seemed covered with water. Our excursion stopped at Beebe, White County, Arkansas where we were served strawberries, 400 or more fed.

B & O excursions to the convention in Chicago at an advantage because their new depot adjoins the Convention Center. National Republicans in June, the National Democrats in July.

CUT DOWN AT NIGHT! Steamship" State of Florida" in collision with the bark Ponema. Both sink immediately carrying 137 persond to the bottom Survivors float in small boats until the Theresa of Norway picked them up in mid ocean.

Relations of a rich man never know if he is sane or not till after he writes his will.

South Gordon creek ditch work will be sold in Hicksville the 16th at 10 A.M.

An India rubber man was performing on our streets, he is as flexible as some men's conscience.

The Board of Health should look after the unhealthy manure piles along the alleys and stables in different parts of town.

Died of billious remitting fever, Daniel 8 yr. old son of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Shamo

Crowl and Arnold made for the new bathroom a cistern tank of 600 barrell, the largest ever made in Hicksville. They also made two smaller tanks of 12 barrell each.

Jacob Snyder, of mud creek; David Sollenberger of Hicksville and George Hilton of Brunersburg are on a trip through Kansas and Nebraska to look for farms.

Levi Kinnaman living on Dutch street has a four legged chicken, eats heartily, uses only one pair of legs for locomotion.

Dr. E.R. Morris, 1st. Leut, Surgery U.S.Army is a guest of Hon. A.P. Edgerton, here for several weeks.

Bridge Fund Raided! $24,786 raised; $12,350 spent in repair and construction of bridges. $4,00 transfered to County fund to enable the Co. Commissioners to get $6.44 per. day, the Auditor $8,76 and other expenses in an extravagant way. For Hicksville readers: there was paid out of the poor fund for Hicksville Twp.$214.65. $62.75 for medical expenses, $10 for one child's coffin, and $6.50 for anothers funeral expense.

News May 22nd, 1884

Last year there were 1,517 murders, 93 legal executions, 118 men lynched.

New process and enormous crops of beets for sugar depressing prices of all sugars all over the globe. 7 1/2 cents per pound.

Jefferson Davis criticizing General Grant..

More tile laid in Farmer Twp. than formerly, lots of farmers are laying 5 to 10,000.

The trustees purchased 6" tile to be placed on the west side of road between sections two and three.

Hunting fish with dogs. Capt. Wayne Reid in one of his stories "The Land of Fire" describes a FUEGIA manner of fishing; 4 canoes form a line across the inlet, dogs are dropped overboard, the dogs drive the fish before them to where they can be netted.

Death of Cyrus McCormick, 13th. May in Chicago, had been an invalid two years.

National Convention of the Anti-Monopolists choose Butler as candidate.

Platform:

I. Labor and Capital should be allies, not enemies.
2. Corporations should be controlled by law.
3. Greatest possible reduction in Public Expense.
4. Equal Rights and Equal Burden.
5. Duty of the government to regulate commerce among the states.
6. That monopolies: that the toiler be given that proportion of the profits of the thing of value

created which his labor bears to the cost of production.

7. We favor passage of interstate commerce bill, navigable waters should be improved by the government and free.
8. No further grants of lands to corporations--etc, agriculture anti-discriminatory.

Deaths:

Wife of Daniel Jones died of consumption.

Orville 11 year old son of Mr. & Mrs. C..Manning

Wife of George Ferguson, age 33; taken to Indiana for burial.

Joseph Bunnell has purchased the dwelling of B.F. Casebeer on High Street and will remove it to one of his lots on Smith Street..

F.J. Clemmer, Assessor of Hicksville Twp. gives the following facts: Births 89, deaths 20, personal property $139.558, dogs 192. Bushels of wheat 20,158, oats 26,513, corn 16,432. Acreage: corn 1,466; oats 781, wheat 962, butter made 45,995 pounds.

The Hicksville Detective Society met and disbanded.

A new word coined MUGWUMP defined as a swell head, or self important person, they afflict almost any community.

A resident of Elkart who has concrete pavement in front of his property has been notified that he will have to pay a royalty of $265.00 on the 5,300 sq. ft. he has had put down.

Shanklin and Roan's sawmill which has been at the Lewis Eck farm on state line will be moved to town and saw for Fish and Maxwell.

Henry Ward Beecher says the best way to get rid of Canada thistle is to plant it as a crop for profit. It will soon be found that worms will gnaw it, bugs will bite it, beetles will bore in it and spiders will web it. Heat will scorch it, cold will freeze it, rains will rot it and blight and mildew. transfer: Charles W. Krotz to David Werthimer, Maurice and Labrel; S. 2/3 of lot 108 in Defiance $13,500.

News May 29, 1884

Farmer: Foote & Norway bought 800 dozen eggs in one day.

David Kintner building a new barn, Wm. Strusaker builder..

Columbus Buggy Co. A commendable act, giving it's employees nearly a 1,000 in number time after 3 P.M. off on Saturdays, when working full time no reduction in pay

. Alaska to have a government at last! Uncle Sam consents to spend $13,500 a year for the salary of Governor, a District Attorney, a Marshall, a Judge and Clerk to enforce the laws of Oregon- which Congress makes the laws of the Civil and Judicial District of Alaska.

Walnut timber in Georgia worth $100 per thousand, inch plank. Trees ten years from root are ten inches in diameter, annual thickness increase one half inch.

Pasteur's great discovery, Hydrophobia innoculation.

Newton Forlow of East Saginaw, Michigan visiting relatives in the area.

A.J. Babb has purchased the farm of his father-in-law, Peter Hilbert near Cicero.

Rev. N. Crary brought with him from Texas two prairie dogs.

The Payne Starr doesn't like "Pucker Bush' appeals for a stop.

Old Settler's meeting in Wm. Harter's barn, Halls corners, June 20th.

C.C. Lehman is building a $3,000. frame Gothic slate roofed residence on his four acre lot on the Ft.Wayne road; Dan. Weller is the contractor.

Noah Ely has sold his saloon to Joseph Grossell.

Charley Krotz has purchased of D. Stull his lot east of the J.C.Ryan residence on High St. will erect a two story business building 80 feet deep, 40 feet frontage.

G.O. Coburn working on the new round house in Chicago.

News May 29th, 1884

Memorial Services at Pettit's Opera house, attended by 600.

Sunday A.M. about 5 oclock an engineer named Mc Dermitt of Sandusky lost his left hand. When near the Smith St. crossing he leaned out of the cab to see the source of a noise, then fell with his left hand across the tracks. severed just above the knuckle joints. Was taken to Garrett on the West Bound.

The B&O running a "Special" for newspaper men allowing them to sleep on the train while at the convention in Chicago.

D. Johnson and Co. have purchased an acre of land of A.P.Edgerton near the ice pond. The clay is fine for making bricks.

Street Commisioner. Clark is doing work on East Main St. grading and making open ditches at the sides. Extending below the fair grounds.

News June 5th. 1884

The Decoration Concert at Pettit's Opera House included:

Mrs. Dr. Richards, Lilly Gorgas, I.A.Gingery, Huntsman's horn; Miss Anna Otis, Evening Chimes, Male quartet, Shepard, Gingery, Millison & Griffin:

"When Starry Eyes Look At Sea"; C.G.Shepard & Mrs. W.S.Richards, Miss Lilly Gorgas, Miss Anna Otis, T.R. Millison: "We'll Have To Mortgage The Farm"

L.E. Griffin: Base Solo-"One Hundred Fathoms Deep"

Report of the Hicksville Union Schools.

transfers: George R. Scott to Augustus Ridenouer, 100 A. Farmer Twp. $7,500.00

The Wabash R.R.is in the hands of receivers.

Jacob Lane of Williams Center in town one day recently.

It will soon be time for good little boys to drown & the bad learn to swim.

Casebeer and Snyder manufacture balogna, in every 500 pound they put a $1.gold piece.

Miss Emilie Brinck, past two years teaching short hand at Coopers Union Lectures is visiting here and will give a free lecture at Pettit's Opera Hall.

News June 12th. 1884

Sabbath School Convention at Evangelical Church Report:

Lilly Gorgas presided at the organ, etc.

Letter from Corvallis, Montana from Charles Coughanour, It takes a $5.00 bill to make a shadow.

Bryan milk men charge four cents a quart.

A fresh water shad caught in the Auglaize measured 30", weighed 14 pounds.

Sitting Bull gets $50.00 a week in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

Mr. B. Everett was admitted to the bar and became a father last week.

Blaine nominated for president on the Republican ticket

Isaac Hall aged 80 died at the home of his son-in-law Wm .Harter, came in 1836.

Rev. Crary's lecture was delivered to a crowded house. A number from distant parts attended. People called it racy and highly instructive.

L.E. Griffin's 25th birthday celebrated on Cornelia Street.

People from Butler looking at features in our business houses to be used in Butler.

A "big story" about Mr. Coburn, his dog and the well.

News June 19th. 1884

"Standing Alone" Graduating Essay by Ella Weaver.

Frank Kittridge received $550.00 for loss of home and contents.

"Boys" stole a wheel from Mr Staley's buggy the day of the wedding expecting a belling treat

Mr. Wycoff, huxter of Hicksville still weekly.

An extraordinary invention in England - producing light from caustic soda and zinc.

M.J. Schell and wife spent Sunday at Monroeville, Indiana.

T.W. Kerr has erected a new ware-room at the trunk slat factory.

J.W. Dowell has the contract for erecting the Krotz Building.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank opened it's doors.

Among other improvements at the Swilley House- a new floor in the dining room made of ash and walnut - tasteful and agreeable..

Rev. N. Crary has been invited to talk at the old settlers meeting at Hall's corners. Something pretty good is expected.

Kerr Brothers have contracted for all the timber on E.D. Otis farm in Milford township, what is not used in manufacturing will be cord wood, 300 cords cut.

Two barns on the B.F. Casebeer farm burned last week, suspect arson, equipment destroyed, insurance $900.00.

There are 212 pupils in our school, board justified in ten month term.

Christian Snyder took a load of wheat to Bryan got 80 cents, a load here got 96.

The Hicksville Flouring Mill installed roller process.

Prof. C.A. Fyke moving his family to near Pulaski, he will be missed not only as teacher, but as a gentleman.

A.Dierstien has removed the building occupied by his wagon shop from High St. to Maple, near the Hicksville Manufacturing Co.. The building was removed to make room for a 30 x 50 two story brick structure which John Foust will occupy with a carriage shop.

Phillips & Lloyd have put in an iron planer in their machine shop - they bore engine cylinders, Butler rings fitted.

A case before the Probate Court on a ditch running from Hicksville through Mark-South Gordon creek ditch. Mr. Rice alleged that the ditch was not practicable and that the benefit derived would not be commensurate. A committee appointed had a tiresome day wading through the jungle.

News June 26th. 1884

Judge Patton in New York.

Venezuela presented a fine statue of Bolivar to N.Y. General Hancock, hero of Gettysburg the host of Judge Patton insisted that he accompany him to the dedication of the monument, and be seated with him among the guests of honor. Later to those who enquired about his guest he introduced him as the last to have been a part of Gen. Jackson's administration. He also took Patton to the great banquet at Irving Hall that followed the dedication..

G. W. DONALDSON'S CIRCUS AND MUSEUM COMING

Old Settler's meeting: Rev. N. Crary talked on his 12 days and nights in Texas- suggested that all stay home. Photos were taken of Settlers by Elliott.

Isaac Dressback came 36 years ago.

Dr. Rakestraw came 38 years ago.

Committee to memorialize the life of Isaac Hall appointed.

Mr. Clark read an essay, in 1816 Scipio held a fourth of July celebration. There were not Doctors enough to keep people sick.

The song "Forty Years Ago" was sung by Joseph Stopher.

Samuel Wasson came to Spencerville in 1833, cleared and chopped, hard times.

John Bartholomew came to Ohio 48 years ago. Came west the year before the hard winter of 41 years ago. Settled on the present farm 35 years ago, split rails for 15 cents a hundred for A.P. Edgerton. We must work for what we get.

Daniel Wentworth came 1835, father made the mistake of settling in Paulding Co. Except for the houses of Landis and Champion I helped cut first house logs between Hicksville and the Maumee. Camped out three days building the house.

Mrs. John Wentworth came 48 years ago in September. We pounded corn in a stump, our men took four days to go and come from mill.

Mr. Spangler came 44 years ago, was the Harrison campaign, 1840. I first crossed the Maumee- was 16 years old, came to Williams Co. bought land, went back, married and returned. 1842 was a hard winter. Millerites would have the world coming to end, snow stayed until mid April, feed ran out, people lost stock and many suffered for provisions. Brother gave to the poor till no more to give.

Robert Dorsey came 46 years ago in March, Palmers came six months before.
John Wentworth's son was the first death, I was at the first wedding.
A Gruber came one year prior to me.
N. Palmer came 1836, between here and Fort Wayne there was: N. Swiet, May, Glaze, Lake and Tilberry.
Dr. C.V.Tanneyhill visited Maysville Wednesday and extracted 75 teeth.
James Fisher has purchased of G.K.Otis the building with bathroom and barber shop.
A.C. Smith and Co. will occupy the new frame building being built by Charley Krotz.
B.S.Pettit has turned contractor to an extent, just finished painting the Swilley House.
Miss Maggie Vasbinder of Harrison Co. spent Sunday with Miss Hattie & Nettie Kleckner.
Edgar Pettit returned from a visit to his home town of Brookston, Indiana.
Britt Moore & A.M.ichards write from Whitelake, Dakota, each have secured 160 A.
S.T. Kinsey, formerly of here, wife presented 3rd set of twins.
Lutherans will commence work on their new brick church corner of Smith & Maple.
4th. of July at Walker's Grove at Hall's Corners.
In pioneer days when a log cabin was to be built a few neighbors gathered at the site helped cut down the trees in close proximity to the site. Logs were shaped and raised to their places, cracks filled with mud, clapboard roof put on the magnificent structure where the "latch string" was out. Mother was Queen. There was always a loft which could be reached by a ladder outside.
News July 3rd, 1884
A mile long cave discovered near Sumerset, Ohio
F.L. Forlow has the Delinquent Personal tax of Hicksville, Milford, and Mark for collection.
David Sollenberger has purchased lots in Bunnell Boon Bevington Addition and building.
Defiance talks of a city hall 48 x 70, brick, basement stone, mansard roof with tower 112 ft.
The Donaldson Circus disorganized at Antwerp, their teamsters left them.
G.F. Knight has fitted up, models of his mill-dogs for display at the Cincinnati Exposition, the New Orleans Worlds Fair and the North Carolina Exposition.
A Blaine and Logan meeting at Commercial Hall, John Blakeslee made a stirring speech.
The use of the reaper and mower has worked great improvement on the fields, In fitting them for the machines the stumps and rocks have been removed, the surface is smooth.
Miss Amelia Swilley has returned from the Seminary at Delaware where she was receiving lessons in painting, oil and crayon.
marriage licenses:

George E. Scott	Ella E. Hootman
Benj. F. Ginter	Mena Bauer

News July 10th. 1884
Homes around Antwerp were ransacked during the 4th of July celebration

Open letter to Rev. Elwood, Elder of the U.B.Church

Dear Sir; I am informed that you made Universalism the special topic of your sermon, and in that discourse you personated me "as one who ought to be ashamed to propagate such a doctrine". I kindly invite you to meet me in Hicksville some time that will suit our convenience and discuss the grounds upon which Doctrines of your church and mine are founded.

I suggest: (1) Resolved that reason and the bible teach the doctrine of endless punishment for a portion of mankind.

(2) Resolved that reason and the bible teach the final holiness and happiness of all mankind.

I will affirm, you will deny. Now as human destiny is the most important question that can interest mankind as you preach and doubtless believe the first prospect and deny the second. I hope you will accept the above as covering the grounds of difference between us etc.

N. Crary.

. Seth Meek leaves today for Philadelphia where he will be employed in Academy of Natural Science.

Died at his home in Milford, Isaac Vernimons age 69. an early settler.

F.L. Forlow, T.E. Gay and Dr. Simmons all in the Lehman Building.(W of U.B.Ch.)

Charlie Grandey living in Scipio- fainted and fell from a wagon load of hay behind the horses who took fright. The wagon running over his abdomen, dead by the time friends reached him. Age 23, funeral service Edgerton Disciple Church.

The new Pharmacy Law is being rigidly enforced.

News July 17th. 1884

George Webster has his new brick home ready for it's slate roof, 110,000 brick, the main front is 50 foot.

Wms. Center: Died Elisha Tharp, one of first settlers in Defiance Co. here nearly 50 years.

Cecil: Dr. Stafford. Some thief stole Mrs. Rocks potatoe patch, a widow's work wasted.

Iowa letter, Spencer, Iowa, W.H. Bender. Pleased with great crops.

Decrease in the public debt during the year will be $ 100,000,000. Balance of trade in favor of the U.S. $60,000,000. Receipts all, $350 M. Expenses $250 Million.

Cleveland and Hendricks nominated by Democrats.

Miss Madge Hartle has returned from the Oberlin Conservatory of Music for a short vacation.

Dr. Phillips has purchased a small building behind the Casebeer block and moved his office in.

Jacob Fitzcharles has burned 175,000 brick and will burn125,000 yet this year.

John Thompson has rented the room of Wm. Babbage one door east of Commercial Block and moved his barber shop.

Kerr Bros intend to move their sawmill on Smith St. to their farm in Milford.

James Fisher and B.L Evans have purchased an interest in George K. Otis Dry Goods store.

T.W. Kerr has placed a new planer in his factory and will do custom work.

Rev. N. Crary has paid for three copies of the NEWS to be sent to his children: M.N. Crary, Colby, Wisc. Mrs. Albert Snearly, Henrietta, Texas; Mrs. I.M. Maxwell,

Fred Voight of here has patented a fire escape.

Died July 9th. in 81st. year, Horatio Gates Amaden, born at Walingford, Vermont, moved to Westfield, Mass. when 21. In 1830 enlisted in the regular army; in 1833 married Charlotte Johnson and in 1844 moved to Wms. Co.. Services by Rev. Crary.

The Hicksville Bank, E.D.Otis Cashier suspended payments last Monday. The cause was ascribed to the closeness of times rendering it impossible to realize the money from securities to meet the demands on the bank. Benj. L.Abel of the Merchant's National Bank of Defiance has been appointed assigneee. It is thought the assets will be sufficient to liquadate all claims.

News July 24th. 1884

Next week Sunday School at the Thompson school will change from 7 to 3 P.M.

Dam at Webster mill broke last week - closing the mill til repaired.

Riley Gessner fell head first 16 feet striking on the bows of wagon rack.

Fortieth birthday of Mrs Henry Amadon celebrated.

Seventeen members of the Greely Expedition died in the arctic.

Miss Lillie and Bener Gorgas visiting Rome City, Indiana.

Forest fires near Hicksville doing damage.

Kerr Brothers have placed a new self feeding sawing machine in the handle factory.

Lorinda Hart, 29 died of consumption, interred Jerico cemetery.

It took just three months of Nebraska life to convince Dan Haskins that he was not intended to live in that climate. He sold his 80 acre farm near David City for $1,600 and is content to live in Ohio.

Mrs. M.J. Schell, Miss Hattie Schell, Miss Sophie Waltemath and C.E. Schell of Fort Wayne were guests of M. J. Schell last week end.

Rev. Wesner will lay the cornerstone of the new Lutheran Church at Smith and Maple.

Died, 9th. July, Elisha Tharp, age 78 yr. 4 mo. 8 da. Born Montour Co. Penn. in 1805 came to Jefferson Co. Ohio 1818, lived there with brother two years, removed to Wayne Co. there married Miss Anna Beck 4th. April 1836. Then to Lost Creek arriving in time for the first election of "Lost Creek Township" later named Farmer Twp. in honor of Nathan Farmer the first settler. Ten children, eight living, wife died 1st June 1868. When he began farming he plowed for wheat with a "jump shovel" so constructed to cut off the little roots and "jump" the big ones. Cut the wheat with a cickle, threshed with a flail, seperated the chaff with a " wind mill". It took ten bushels of wheat to buy a nice wool hat, one bushel to buy a yard of calico.

Uncle Elisha, the third brother to die in six months was the last survivor of the original number who voted the first election.

Attention Farmers- Have your family recipes compounded at the Peoples Drug Store.

News July 31st. 1884

Ulysses Grant Jr. is moving to Penn. will raise horses on a farm owned by his brother Jessie R. Grant, Col. Fred Grant has sold his carriages and horses and is trying to rent his handsome villa at Morristown, N.Y.

Toledo Bee: Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage is quoted by a reporter as having said " I think we have entered on a great campaign of mud" It seems to me that there is going to be a great series of defamation. The attack on Blaine has been followed by a bitter personal attack on Cleveland. Now I know both Blaine and Cleveland to be splendid men. It is not right that as soon as a man is put up for office he is a target for mud slingers.

A letter from E.M. Bilderback of Benzonia, Mich. to his class of young ladies of whom he was a teacher in Hicksville, known as "the Truth Seekers" at the M.E.Church. In it he describes the beauty of the area around his new home.

items: The corn flourishes- the whistle of steam thresher is heard in the land.

The Pennock road machine is doing a good job of grading the roads.

The news of the suspension of the Hicksville Bank falls sadly on the ears of Noah Ely and N.A. Lybarger. Mr. Lybarger had $700. Mr. Ely had $1,100. deposited.

On page three General Logan's letter-

An able second to Mr. Blaines acceptance of the nomination. Protection must be given our commerce and southern "bulldozing" must be suppressed; Civil Service reform is safe in the hands of Republicans.

A map of Leut. Greely's route and his camps on North Pole expedition.

Stanley, African Explorer believes Gen. Gordan can escape from Khartoum via Congo.

Close call. Two delegates to the convention in Columbus, riding a stage to Chillcothe to catch a train are accused in the death of a fellow passenger and almost lynched.(the man had gotten on along the route, voice unintelligible, when they arrived in Chillcothe he was discovered to be dead with a slit throat). The delegates were saved by local leaders who knew them.

Potatoe bugs are scarce this year.

Five Railroads entering Toledo are in the hands of receivers.

A.P. Edgerton Jr. of Chicago spending a few days in town.

L.E. Griffin, wife and Miss Ella Griffin are visiting Rome City..

Adin Kleckner is learning the tonsorial art in the shop of H. Neer.

When in full running order, the Gay Bucket Factory at Antwerp hires 120 men.

Edgerton has a town library, 35 members and 70 volumes.

The Directors are considering a new grandstand for the fair grounds.

The Quaker Camp Meeting closed at Paulding.

Joseph Rex sold his farm to G.W.Welty from Eastern Ohio for $2,800.

It would cost $3,000 for a telephone line Defiance to Hicksville, Toledo to Bryan, $5,000.

F.M. Priest former Supt of Hicksville Schools in town showing up the merits of a typewriter for which he is agent.

A new Fairbanks Track Scale being installed at the elevator. $1,100. capacity 50 ton length 34 feet.

A "piano box buggy" and brown horse missing from Bryan livery

Ridge Murphy at Kerr Bros. Handle factory lost the ends of 2nd and 3rd. finger of right hand from heavy timber dropping on it.

A writer from Dakota says "if you wish to emmigrate to this Eldorado bring along everything but a pill-box, but bring a few bottles of soothing syrup for it is a hard thing to get along without that. No coal, wood is $12.00 a cord and water that would stink a dog out of a tan yard.

To make spots on linen disappear, lay the linen on grass day and night til a tramp steals it. Spots and linen disappear at the same time.

Mrs. J. H. and Mrs. Albert Fry of Sulfur Springs, Ohio are visiting the family of William Warner, Mrs. Warner is a sister of Mrs. J.H. Fry.

The Merchants Protective Agency of Toledo opens a branch office in Defiance to protect retail merchants from that class of dead-beat that live off them

Mr. John H. Culler of Goshen has purchased a half interest in the NEWS.

News August 7th, 1884

The first railroad in the U.S. was three miles long extending from the granite quarries at Quincy, Mass. to the Neponset river; commenced in 1826, completed 1827. Five foot gauge, pine rails a foot deep covered with oak plate and flat bars of iron.

In 1861 it took 86 cents to transport a bushel of wheat Chicago to Liverpool, England. This year 15 cents.

Pop corn first made in the U.S. in 1849.

Five out of twenty-one Presidents were Scotch Irish: Jackson, Polk, Buchannan, Johnson, and Arthur; Two Scotch- Grant and Hayes; one Welsh- Jefferson;and one Dutch, VanBuren. others were English

Some authorities believe there is a direct connection between earthquakes and pestilence.

Thirty-five earth quakes, meteoric showers or violent storms occuring between 30 BC and A.D. 1845 - followed by plagues of Cholera. Cholera outbreaks are current in Java and Europe.

Florence Nighingale- says cholera not communicable, but a "local disease". Isolation can not stop the disease, the only preventative is to put earth air and buildings into a healthy state by scavenging, lime washing and every kind of sanitary work. Remove all putrid products.

An iron works in St. Petersburg in 1835 cholera out break insisted that each of 500 men take a teaspoon of powdered charcoal each day- never lost a man with disease.

Birds and insects disappear from localities about to be affected with epidemic disease.

Henry Bridge:

Adam Christoffel has threshed half of his wheat, 530 bushels.

Farmers are busy plowing as most other work is done.

Wire lath is being used to make buildings more fireproof.

Tons of dead fish mostly perch are daily taken from Fourth Lake near Madison, Wisc. and buried in sand. The cause of the mortality can not be learned

Penn. R.R. Depot and ferry houses at Jersey City destroyed by fire

Expenditures of Post Office Dept. will exceed income by $3,000,000.

Article inner pages, How Shakespear Worked.

Buttermilk Socials are a new form of entertainment.

Antwerp "Argus" wants the canal and reservoir abandoned.

Rev. Crary thinks there are only two candidates this year, St John and Demi John.

George Wort "the laundry man" has established an office at Garrett, Ind. where orders will be forwarded to Hicksville.

Edgerton has three meat markets, each of which run wagons through the county supplying farmers with fresh meat.

Wilderson and Co. are building an addition to the rear of their building occupied by furniture and undertaking.

Charlie Krotz purchased five acres of land in East Defiance and will lay it out in lots.

Joseph Kerr Jr. will address the Republicans of Hicksville Townahip at Pettit Opera House.

The Old Settler's meeting of Defiance and adjoining counties at Hicksville Fair Grounds ten A.M. Thursday 4, Sept. The Old Settler's cabin will be dedicated the same day. A.P. Edgerton will make the dedicatory speech. Old Settlers both old and young invited.

The Defiance Cement Works has shipped 7,000 barrels, twenty employees.

Luther Crowl is working on a lawn mower which if he succeeds will superceed all others. It will cut long grass as well as short.

Dead a two year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Miller.

The game of baseball played Friday last by Hicksville and Knox 9's at this place attracted a large crowd. At the end of nine innings the score 11 to 23, favor of Hicskville.

Lightning destroyed Lucius Loveland's barn, one and one-half mile N.of Newville. Destroyed all his grain, hay and machinery. The neighbors immediately started donating grain, lumber and will in two days of work replace the barn.

The "animated .headless chicken" was exhibited here. Died a few weeks later. Planned for table use, head was only partially removed, the bird survived on brain stem.

In the cornerstone of the Lutheran Church: copy of NEWS July 31, 1884, one bible with inscription of B.S.Pettit, copy of Luther's small catechism, one five cent coin bearing date 1884, list of names of builders, building committe. and Trustees, also a copy of The Christian Advocate.

Died at the home of her father G. Gessner of Milford Aug. 3rd. Emma, age 22,of cancer, wife of Andrew Squires.

Democrats of Hicksville met in the rooms of Hill and Forlow to organize a Cleveland Hendricks club. Pres. L.B. Wort; V.P. F.M. Tompson; Sec. W.F. Coughanouer; Asst.Sec. Dixon Edgerton; Treasurer Anton Webber; Sgt. at Arms Sam Hart. Speeches by F.L.Forlow, F.M.

Thompson and others.

Republicans of Hicksville: George Richie, Simon Fish, S.P. Phillips, B.M. Rakestraw, William Powell, Hugh Nelson, Frank Roberts, John Berger, John F. Carr, Lewis Webb, Henry Moore, E.J.Riesh, John S. Hart, James E. Coulter, A. Gingery, W. Black, J.D.Hall, W.H Hill, Jos. Kerr Jr., Ben Casebeer, W.O Hughes, George Nichols, W.D.Otis, George W.Scott, Nelson Smith, Jacob Palmer, C.G.Shepard, John Bayes, C. V. Tanneyhill, and William Hastings.

Markets:

wheat 80 cents, corn 65 to 70 cents,oats 30 cents, eggs 14 cents, onions 60 cents, potatoes 50 cents, butter 10 cents, wool 15 to 28, feathers 50 cents, apples dry 4 cents. dressed chickens 7 cents, live 6 cents, hams 11 cents, lard 11 cents, turkey 7 cents. ducks 6 cents, live hogs $ 4 to 4.50/ hundred, beef on foot $2.50 to 5.00, dressed pork $6.50.

News by Dowell and Culler, AUG. 14th. 1884

The huge and clumsy Great Eastern which laid the first Atlantic Cable, has been chartered to bring the English exhibit to the New Orleans Exposition. She then will be fitted out as a hotel and anchored near the Exposition grounds.

Canada is deepening the Welland Canal.

The late Junius Brutus Booth built the Masconomo House at Manchester by the sea for himself and family. His widow Mrs. Agnes is operating it as a hotel and makes more money than she can even on the stage.

Mrs. Hicks Lord will visit Hicksville next week.

Nathan Crowl has sold his farm on Dutch St. to Joseph Rex; $3,900.

Edgerton people will lay the cornerstone of their City Hall.

Our hay fever subjects are making arrangementrs for their annual pilgramage north..

The Greenbackers of Williams Co. hold convention at Montpelier.

Mrs. A.J. Hartle was called to Auburn by the serious illness of her sister Mrs. Allen..

Mrs. J. Baltsy and daughter Viola are visiting the J.H. Lower family.

Mrs. J.L. Landis of Texas & Mrs. Chas K Baxter of Waterloo are visiting friends here.

The third annual reunion of Co.F. 111th O.V.I. in Hicksville.

2nd. Ohio Cavalry & 25th. Ohio Battery reunion at Painsville. Ohio

Dr. J.M. Combs of St Louis Michigan, gratified at success there.

A $ 10,000 flouiring mill burned at Butler, only mill in town; $ 2,000 insurance.

Mr. & Mrs. M.J. Schell spent Sunday in Ft. Wayne, were accompanied on their return by Miss Hattie Schell.

Mrs. Edgerton and two daughters, Mrs. Alvard and Mrs. Swartout, with their children arrived today and are spending a few weeks at this the Edgerton country residence.

Lecture at the Spiritualist meeting Sat. Aug. 16th, by A.B. French."The Mound Builders"

Affairs at the Merchant's & Farmer's Bank examined by a committee appointed by the Directors; cash and notes counted and everything found satisfactory.

The Defiance Fair has arranged a presentation of the Battle of Gettysburg by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The "Athletes" a newly organized baseball club have accepted a challenge from the crack club of Edgerton. Members: C. Johnson, C.A. Randolph, P.H.M. Grubbs, 1st; C. Love, 2nd; E.Love, 3rd; M. Smith, ss; H. Dowell, lf; F.C. Andress, cf; G. Dyarman, rf.

Despite a local ordinance prohibiting the "raising of political poles" the little grandsons of A.P. Edgerton have raised two twenty foot poles on their grandfathers property. As they were on private property they were allowed to remain.

Israel Richards, formerly of Bremen left for Mitchel, Dakota.

W.F. Horton attending Normal School at Valaparaiso, Ind. is visiting here with his father F.M. Horton. He will spend another year there.

Messrs. G.F. Knight and Ade Phillips were at Chicago where they purchased lathes and planers to fit up a machine shop in Knight's Mill Dog factory. Custom work accepted.

Report of the Republican Convention.

Column by W.H. Harter on the local fair.

A. pole raising at the T.T. Fuller home.

Daniel Cowhick, one of the owners of Hicksville Flouring Mills shot him self.

Washington was elected the first time almost by acclamation. It was not until his second candidacy that the fact he was known to be a Federalist was used against him by Jefferson, and others with some force and effect.. John Adams was a Federalist; Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe were elected as National Republicans, each with two terms, showing that Federalism had lost it's ascendency early, etc....

News 21 st. August 1884

Front page letter to Mr .Crary's response to J.K.Alwood's critical letter on Mr. Crary's defense of Universalism. The editor says both sides heard from. No further contro versy would be of public interest.

As a part of the "bashing" of Mormons, two elders were murdered in Lewis Co.Tenn. by a masked gang.

ARCTIC HORRORS Privations of Greely Party.

Died, Newville Twp. James Gibson, age 84, funeral by J.W.Lilly, born in Sterlingshire Scotland 1800, Married Miss Jane Marshall of same place 1826. Moved to Summit Co. Ohio; then removed to DeKalb Co. 1849. four children.

All having relics they wish deposited in the Log Cabin bring them September 4th.

Members of the Cleveland Hendrix Club to meet at Krotz Hall. (cor. Maple & High)

W.A. Price of Jackson, Mich. formerly of Hicksville, visits.

Married at residence of Hamilton Farmer, Wed. July 23rd. Ernest M.Horton and Miss Emma Ringer. In a few days will go to their southern home.Eustice, Florida..

William Shisselly moved his family from Edgerton to Hicksville.

Mrs. Sarah Barringer of Ayersville visiting brother Dr. Rakestraw.

Posters for the Hicksville Fair are up!

Mr. John Blakeslee, addresses Republicans Pettit Opera House. (Cor.Main & High)

Daniel Cowhick rites at Presbyterian church, burial Hix Cem.

Darius Green of Flying Machine Fame. At work on a new machine. Each side a silk and quill wing worked by a crank, between them a gas bag.

The Orphans Home at the County Farm is almost completed. As it became against the law to keep children in the infirmary. A teacher provided for the 12 now in residence. They enter at four years as they leave their mothers in the infirmary.

News August 28, 1884

Article Seventy years ago, by Ira Brown.

In 1812 my father and two brothers enlisted, leaving mother and smaller children to buffet with hard times and war. We were living at Chazy, 14 miles north of Platsbury in Clinton County N.Y. near Lake Champlain. During the Perry Battle people tore planks off of the bridge on the Saranac river, when the British tried to cross on the stringers the guns raked them and force them to fall in the river. etc.

Henry Bridge item: David Cooper has sold his farm to James Linsey for $ 1,400

A new coal house is being erected near the elevator

Dr. Otis making improvements to his house on Main St.

John Bare has erected two "neat" houses near the Randolph stave factory.

F.M. Thompson and F L. Forlow made speeches in Stafford Township.

Lost Creek item: E.M Ensign is delegate to Lutheran Synod.

A.L Ridenouer, wife and daughter visited friends in Wabash, Indiana.

The interest of Cowhick in Hicksville Flouring Mills has been purchased by R.F. Kerr.

Kerr Bros. & Co erecting at their factory a neat & comodious office.

The time of the fair grows near, take a good display.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton is to be a speaker at the Putnam Co. Pioneer's Meeting.

Sunday a number of boys playing ball on the fair grounds, this is the way the average boy observes the Sabbath.

JAY EYE SEE famous little trotting horse will receive $2,000. for appearing on the track at the Toledo Fair.

Ernest Lloyd has removed his machine shop from G.F. Knight's to a new building near Fish and Maxwell.

Mrs. Hicks Lord arrived Monday and is spending a few days in the village which bears her name, the guest of A.P. Edgerton. She recently returned from two years tour of Europe.

Kerr Bros Handle factory caught fire Saturday afternoon about four. Portable engine to turn saw to cut cord wood - walls covered with saw dust, a spark - siding torn off to stop the fire. Damage $ 25.00.

A number of hickory poles have been erected on private property.

Ball game Atheletics and Edgerton 25 to 19 in favor of Edgerton.

Hicksville and West Milford "Juvinile Nine's" score 33 to 40, favor of Hicksville.

George Buckman of near Sherwood crushed between thresher water tank and curb as the horses backed suddenly.

News 4th . September, 1884

Fountain Chapel: Clover hulling has commenced.

F.M Kemerer who works for H.M. Davis was in Cecil last week.

Miss Assa Wentworth will teach winter term in Forder District.

Corn is ripening fast, soon will be out of reach of frost.

Threshing is all done, never was grain in better condition.

New brick school house in Stinger district nearly finished.

Rev. Talbert has moved his household goods into the Hicksville depot. to be shipped in a few weeks to the circuit assigned him in Michigan.

H.M. Davis will commence running his saw mill this week. He has put up a dwelling and office and is getting machinery in excellent shape for sawing..

The sabbath school picnic held in Banks grove two miles east of Fountain Chapel Aug. 21st. was largely attended. Six schools with flags and banners. Rev. Brundage of the U.B. delivered the address of welcome, Rev. Cook of the Presbyterian church at Antwerp the response. Short addresses by Rev. S. Boggs and Dr. Mc Donnel of Antwerp and Rev. Lillly and Longsworth of Hicksville.

CREAM BREAD STEELSMITH the 2nd door east of W.R. Hughes..

T.W. Kerr Mill and Factory at the end of Maple, south of Ainsworth Boon & Bevington.

Woman is driving her way into the industries, in 1840 seven vocations open to her in New England, in 1884 317. Gold beating textile - their work is more inteligent & delicate

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News 4th. September 1884

The George Sheppard house on Bryan road nearing completion.

DYARMAN & CO. give every 20th customer their goods free of charge.

Nathan Crow and his family moved to Branch Co. Michigan.

Holcomb's Hoop Mill at Paulding manufactures one-half million hoops a month.

Everett Blakeslee has received letter of patent on his belt shifter and holder.

B.S. Pettit was in Chicago last week at which time he purchased piano for Opera House.

S.H. Schooley has purchased land near Colby, Wisc. & has moved there.

Died Friday Aug 29, the infant son of Sells Griest. Funeral at Newville.

Died Thursday 28th. infant child of Ephraim Ames. Desciple church.

Mrs. Shepard of Boston Mass. & Mrs. Barrows of Canton, N.Y. visiting the H.W.Hills.

Mr. & Mrs. Lyman Langdon of near Defiance, early Co.settlers are visiting here.

A Cleveland & Hendricks pole will be raised at the old Dutch Street School House.

A flock of Bohemian turkeys in East Paulding County are being taught to "trot" at fair.

Two young bald eagles were captured in the big woods near Antwerp. Though half grown their wings measure six feet tip to tip.

Mrs. H.J. Emry left for Massilon, Ohio, her three year old son will receive treatment for disease of the spine.

A correspondent wants to know if there is more than one religeous denomination that believes in feet washing; it is sincerely hoped that there is!

Defiance Regatta! Four-oared shell race between the Goguacs of Battle Creek, the St. Joes of Fort Wayne, the Farraguts of Defiance. Geo. A Keeper of Ft. Wayne and Charles A. Prince of Defiance will have a single shell race for the championship of Ohio and Indiana. There will be other races.

Rev. Lilly has been transferred to Waterloo, Ind.Rev.Stedman of Waterloo sent here.

Mrs. Charles Banks died at her home on the Pike Sunday, 42 years of age, Service at Olive Branch Chapel, interned at Hicksville cemetery.

DONAVIN'S TENNESSEEANS at Pettit's Opera House Friday evening.

H.J. Emery sprinkled 461 loads of water or 9,220 barrels on the streets - water pumped by a George Brown Chain Pump from the ice pond

A Cleveland Hendricks pole raised at Dietz's Corner. F.L. Forlow delivering the speech.

A local ordinance passed making it illegal to open a saloon earlier than 5 A.M. or to be open later than 8 P.M.

A birthday party given by friends of Rolla Hood, the gift, an album with all their pictures.

Prof Irish, in four weeks addressed institutes in sixteen counties. He received orders that will dispose of the entire first edition of his "Analysis of Sentences Made Easy and Attractive by Diagrams"

W.R. Maxwell a sufferer of cancer on right hand, has had right arm amputated below the elbow joint. A spray of Listerine playing over the site all during the operation. The cancer started as a mole or warty growth between thumb and fore finger, gradually assuming a fungus-like appearance - increasing enormously in size. Dr. McLiesh, Cincinnati.

. Ghastly deed on Jerico road. Levi Sawyer, his wife and five children, 12 years to 7 months, Mrs. Sawyer sued for divorce with Hill, Forlow, Thompson and Edgerton her attys.When Sheriff served the papers Brice Allshouse was called in to read it for Mr. Sawyer .Sawyer started sharpening a knife in the presence of Sheriff Forest. Sawyer went to neighbor Mrs. George Ferry where he attacked his wife in bed. Eventually the woman escaped to the door yard of William Sunday. Sawyer stared at his bleeding wife from outside the gate, went home and blew off the top of his head with a short deer rifle.

I will sell 150 head of sheep or give them out on shares .Israel Richards.

News 11th. September, 1884

Report of the seventh annual meeting of the Historical and Pioneer Association of the Maumee Valley, comprising Wiliams, Paulding and Defiance county and the surrounding country, held Sep 4.at the fair grounds at Hicksville. Steno report by Rev. F.M. Baker.

Meeting called to order by President Dr. B.M. Rakestraw at 15 before 11 A.M...

The Hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" followed by prayer by Rev J.D. Simms.

Pres: I was told a few days ago that the interest in the Old Settlers meeting was on the wane, that we would not have so extensive an attendence as in the past, but as I look around and behold this multitude of upturned faces I am forced to the conclusion that there is not only no abatement but on the other hand a growing interest taken in them.

I trust that the memory of their ancestors will be perpetuaated and handed down to posterity by the three millions of warm hearted and loquacious sons and daughters of Ohio so long as the genial rays of the sun shall warm her soil, or her beautiful rivers continue to flow.

The meeting this forenoon will be mostly of a business character - election of officers whose term of service expires, reports of committees etc. Next in order the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Sec. Amos Forlow: Mr chairman, I have here the minutes of the last meeting as published in the Hicksville News. I do not think that you will want me to stand here and read that report. That report has added greatly to the interest of the meetings.

Rev. J.W.Long: I move that the report be adopted without a reading. Motion adopted.

Next election of officers:

Pres: First thing in order election of a President. That as far as he was concerned he had served two terms and innasmuch as he was not much of a "third" term man he hoped he would be left out.

Mr. Lyman Langdon: Mr. Pres. Business is business, and it seems to me that we ought to forward it as fast as possible. I move that our present president fill the office for the next term. He may not be the oldest living person but not withstanding that, he is well qualified for the position and I do not know of any person that can attend to the business of the association as well as he.

It was seconded and put to the association and carried unanamously.

The doctor expressed his thanks for the confidence shown him.

"I see the rising generation taking a deep interest in these meetings, they see that history needs to be recorded. They in time will become the "Old Settlers".

Mr. George Clemmer; I move that the President nominate the Vice Pres. and report same for action this afternoon. The motion prevailed.

Mr. George Clemmer. I move the re-election of our present recording Sec. Mr Amos Forlow for the ensuing term.

Mr. Arrowsmith was re-elected Corresponding Sec.

The following were nominated and re-elected as curators or executive Comm.: Messrs. Levi Wilder, Farmer Twp.; John R. Johnson, Hicksville twp.; George DeLong of Newville, Lyman Langdon Brunersburg; Jacob Saylor, Antwerp; William H. Harter Springfield twp. Mr. George Clemmer re-elected to the office of Librarian.

The President speaks of the neccessity of taking up a collection to defray expenses of completing the log cabin and reporting the proceedings of the meeting of that committee.

Mr. Wilder, Chm. of the Comm. on Log Cabin; was called on to make his report. Said he preferred making it in afternoon after the Hon. A.P Edgerton had made his speech of dedication of the cabin. The reason for putting it off, the committee were selling spaces on the walls for names. Until they were sold they would not know the amount of indebetedness.

Pres. Rakestraw: All who wish to become members of this association can do so by signing their names in the book provided for this purpose.

Sec. A. Forlow: Inasmuch as the executive committee have little to do and represent the entire area and can readily get the facts; I move they represent the committee on obituaries.M.P.

Rev. J.M. Long: Fathers and mothers and fellow citizens, I do not want to make a speech for I am not an old settler, but I want to call your attention to one particular thing - because we expect a great deal of good to come of it and that is this:

You are aware that the Log Cabin, in construction not quite as long as Noah's Ark, is almost completed, and the design is to collect all old articles as you cherish in your homes as relics of olden times. Appropriate furniture has been provided to preserve all such articleswhich are delicate as old books, manuscripts etc. Things so old that you have been thinking of letting them go off the shelf and perish. The spinning wheel, the wool wheel, the spinning jenny, old fashioned skillets and dutch ovens and irons, things that belonged to our fathers and grandfathers though highly esteemed by us will in time be articles of curiosity to our boys and girls who will point with pride to things which belonged to their grandparents. Gather them in from Indiana, from this and surrounding localities, here they will be cared for doubtless for generations to come.

Pres. Rakestraw: Ladies and gentlemen it becomes my duty to welcome you to this the seventh anniversary of our old settlers meeting. You are as welcome to the friendly intercourse of our people as was ever the Vernal showers to the unfolding foliage after years of seperation you come here to meet your old friends, friends from the days of your youth. For the younger there are obligations to those who preceeded them. In order to appreciate the advantages and blessings that have resulted from their privations and labors it is necessary to glance briefly at the history of the people of Ohio.

One hundred years carries us back to the condition in which this state was by nature. Silence rested and reigned throughout it's vast extent, all it's rivers and lakes were unnavigated except for indian canoes etc. But 96 years ago a company of women and men collected in the state of Mass. in order to make settlement in Ohio, Gen Rufus Putnam at their head,

They forsook the early scenes of their childhood and after traveling eight weeks arrived at Simrall's Ferry, now West Newton, between Penn and Virginia. A boat of 20 Tons burthenwas constructed by an advance party and was ready to receive them which they named the Mayflower. Going on board 96 years ago the 2nd. of April they floated down the Youngieheny river into the Monongahela and down the Ohio to the mouth of the Muskingdon. Five days and nights on their journey they arrived on the 7th. at a place they named Marrietta. This became the first permanent settlement in Ohio. There had been an earlier settlement a mission, but temporary.It was here that Mary Heckenwelder was born the 16th of April, 87 years ago, believed to be the first white person born in Ohio.

A brave and heroic people, exposed to dangers of the beast of the forest and to the merciless indian = I hope their memory will be handed down to the latest posterity.

The Antwerp Reunion of the 100th Regt O.V.I. reported by Will Oswalt.

Sherwood:

The Quick-steps of Defiance played the Sherwood Blue Stockings here Monday night and came out second best 18 to 44.

E.V.Haver's house was on fire 10 P.M.Tuesday, hook and ladder put it out, loss$ 25.00

Hicksville: Knight's Machine Works next door to T.W.Kerr Flouring Mill on High St.

Inside pages: Another Richmond!

Mrs. Belva Lockwood's letter accepting the nomination for president of the WOMAN'S NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS PARTY.

Sam Patch's jump over the Genessee in 1829. He jumped from a ledge midway betweenthe summit of Goat Island and the water at Niagra-- later from the upper falls. Then he had a scaffold 25 feet high erected on the bridge of the Gennessee Falls from which he will leap into the abyss 125 feet below. Sam's bear will make the same jump and follow his master. Sam hopes that those attending will contribute remunerating him for this hazzardous experiment. Excursions brought a large crowd of people. His body was found in a cake of ice near the mouth of the river the 17th day the following March.

Great Fire in Cleveland, more than a million dollar loss.

Ball game, Hicksville and West Milford 2nd teams; 15 to 20 Hicksville.

Latest improvement in time keepers; the Flying Pendulum Clock.

At a great many farm houses political poles are erected. For what purpose those poles being raised over the country? Do they represent intrinsic worth, are they beautiful, are they or the speeches and excitement attendant to their raising do either party any good? If not why waste money, time and breath in the matter of their raising?

With palpatating heart, the careful housewife about this time of year takes a large bundle from the bottom of her trunk, unpins it's laps and folds, brushing out the fine cut tobacco, closely examines the seal skin or fur lined circular for evidence of industry of the depredating moth.

Special train from Fostoria to the Fair.

Mrs. Sarah Vanimins 26, died at her home in Big Rapids, Mich. last Sunday. intered at six corners. cemetery, daughter of Enoch Haskins of Logan.

Charles Bassett has purchased a target rifle and improvised a shooting gallery in the rear of his jewelry where those who pride themselves as marksmen may astonish bystanders. Six shots for five cents.

The home troop is rehearsing "Miriam's Crime" for the Fair.

Miss Emily Bowker of Farmer who was visiting in town a guest of Mrs. H.W.Hill is now at the home of brother H.O.Weldon in Portland, Indiana.

Mr. H.T. Knight who went to White Lake, Dakota had the missfortune to lose by fire his wheat, oats, flax, hay and barn, a loss of $600.00.

Some one took a "burr" off George Scott's buggy, Tuesday evening, he was forced to ride the horse home.

While the price of wheat is very low, other goods are in proportion. A dollar buys much more than a year ago.

Grain on the County Farm threshed last week, 26 acres wheat 508 bushels; 18 acres of oats, 700 bushels; 37 acres corn.

C.M.Hulbert of near Cicero has had in his employ a boy named Bert Kellogg of rather billious anticedents. - 16 years old - he stole the horse and buggy while Mr. Hulbert went into the home of Albert Coy. Eventually caught at Brunersburg, this is the third time he has stolen a rig.

The firm of G.K.Otis & Co. disolved, Mr W.I.Black retiring.

From A. P. Edgerton's Address Sep. 4, 1884

During the annual meeting of the Old Settlers of Defiance, Williams, Paulding Co. as well as the surrounding counties of Indiana, at Hicksville.

Dedication of the memorial Log Cabin recently built by the Old Settlers on Fair Ground, each log donated and marked by an individual.

No man now owns the land I sold in Hicksville township in 1837 -8-9.

The widow of David M. Grier owns and occupies the land I sold her husband in 1840.

The S.W. corner of Section one at Six Corners.

Lewis Michaels owns and occupies 80 acres in Section 7, I sold him Dec. 1840.

Luther Loveland who bought his land in Section 7, June 27th, 1837 and sowed the first bushel of wheat ever sowed in the township, and made a wooden tooth drag to work it in. Lived on his farm till 1877 when he sold it with no resulting benefit.

Of those who purchased between 1840 and 1844, Mark W. Babb is the only one of the first purchasers living on his land. And of all the 140,000 acres that I sold to actual settlers, few acres are occupied by original purchasers.

Our ever restless and moving people have sought homes in the Further West, Their lands became in their judgement too valueable for them to own and they sought cheaper lands elsewhere. I doubt that they are richer for their sales here, for their searches for new homes or comforts and money elswhere or whether sales of their new homes would bring what their homes here did.

They may have found wide prairies without timber, good lands without water, and made good crops without a market. But they forsook a good country and fields of their former hard labor when the days of lighter toil and larger profits were in their near future. To seek renewed labor in their declining years on other lands, they severed old ties and associations, and now have no log or other things in our cabin as a memorial to their toils, friendship and sucess here.

I can testify that a log cabin life was a good life. I lived in one, a "double" log cabin where is now the crossing of Main and High Streets in Hicksville. It was occupied by Ransom Osborn and his family with whom I boarded 47 years ago. The sitting room and the bed rooms were next to all. My office was in a bureau in the room between the table and a bed, and all were attached to the fireplace, with no intervening partitions. Thus that one room was made a house of comfort where in was perfection of cleanliness and good cooking and kindness and respect was the pervading law.

The sleepers varying in numbers from ten to twenty-five and nearly all young men, occupied the other portion of the cabin, each to his own bunk which was fastened one above the other to the logs of the cabin wall.

O.F. Wentworth has threshed his Bohemian Oats, 283 bushels, hulless and weigh 50 pounds to the bushel. The association sent their agents to sell Mr. Wentworth's oats and are doing as they agreed to do.

Crestline Ohio Advocate says: "It now remains for some genius to invent the "father hubbard" We have already had our full of the mother hubbard and there is no reason that the men shouldn't be given a chance to expose themselves" We are the genius simply drop your suspenders and wear your shirt loose over the tops of your pants instead of tucking it in and you have a FATHER HUBBARD.

Sep. 17th, 1884

Bryan Press. Dr. Q.H. Grasser of this place has after 40 years of untiring labor completed his collection of "United States Coins" besides the ancient and modern coins of other nations numbering 15,311 different coins. Oldest coin a bell shaped coin of SUNG earliest Chinese coin 2257 B.C. another the STATER of Meletus 800 B.C. of Ephesus on the shore of the Icarean Sea.

Sep. 25, 1884

A.P. Edgerton's dedicatory speech at the log cabin at the Fair in addition to the summary already transcribed (near the end of the 1st.column)

I was requested and suppose I should say something concerning the old settler's log cabin erected on these grounds by the old settlers each with his individual log or with other evidence of log cabin life. A log cabin is a peculiar structure, it is as old as white man's needs in North America and therefore older than all forms of ornate architecture in our country. If written a tale of toil and suffering. etc.

Printed Oct. 2, 1884

Edgerton speech at the Reunion of the 21st Regt. O.V.I. at Hicksville Fair grounds Sep. 19th, 1884.

Soldiers, Friends, countrymen. Hear me for my cause and be silent that you may hear. Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war. In War we conquer our enemies, in Peace we conquer ourselves. Our fundamental law, the Constitution of the U.S. declares that we will regulate military organization are necessary to the security of a free state and therefor the people have the right to keep and bear arms.

To continue free this people must see that peace had her triumphs. The triumphs of peace are religion, morality, knowledge, temperance, health and universal prosperity and content; and content means that peace of mind in every person which springs from a consciousness that liberty and prosperity, and the fruits of all labor, a bull reward are secured by their government and will always be protected by it.

Peace exists when every man so lives that he need not be afraid of another.

It is doubtful whether the pulpit alone would have abolished slavery in centuries. It has too many fights of it's own on hand and never yet has seen the way of it's own deliverance from the bondage of uncharitableness, intolerance and superstition.

We in our country show our power first through public opinion, which is more correct and just as it is more intelligent, next through law, the reflex of public opinion, the expression of public will and the law is respected according to it's justice. If the legislature makes a law which cannot be enforced your government is a failure and a fraud. etc. Democratic Party during the war: Oh time thou tester both to good and bad; Thou hast taught the Democratic party something; and Hath something to teach it's opponents still.

There are now many very rich, and too many very poor people in the land made thus by unwise and unjust legislation.

Who made it and what is your opinion about it my friends?

There are those who think I should not say anything about party I am no man's follower, I know that all men are liable to error. If we could see the secret motives that influenced the men of name and learning in the world and leaders of parties, we would not always see truth as their motive.

The history of the 21st Ohio Vol. Infantry:

Camp Taylor at Cleveland April 27th, 1861 to the day of it's participation in the Grand Review in Washington May 26th,1865. to muster out of the service at Louisville and it's return to Columbus. Discharged July 28th, 1865. You know it's history on the KENAWHA in Virginia, at IVY MOUNTAIN in Kentucky, Murfresborough to STONE RIVER and CHICAMAUGA, MISSION RIDGE and KENNESAW MOUNTAIN, at JONES BOROUGH AND ATLANTA and in the MARCH TO THE SEA, and the entry in to SAVANNAH in advance of it's army corps and you know all the work in the last battle with the enemy at BENTONVILLE in North Carolina. It is part of the power that crushed a rebellion ever to be known as the greatest crime of any age against freedom and right.

Judge Patton's remarks on the back sheet of the news Oct.3rd,1884.

All five hands left me the same day- Nathaniel Smith, Solomon Smith and James Ferry gave their lives. Nelson Wise came home wounded and crippled, Charles Davis fortunately survived the war. I take great pleasure in paying this humble tribute to their bravery.

News Oct. 9th. 1884

The seventh annual Old Settler's Meeting Historical and Pioneer Assoc. Of the Maumee Valley, comprising William, Paulding, and Defiance Cos. and the surrounding country held Sep. 4, 1884 at the Hicksville Fair Grounds.

The song of the old settler, L. W. Wilder of Farmer Center.

(printed in other area)

Cleveland and Victory Blaine and Logan.

James B. Blaine the famous "Plumed Knight"names adopted son, General Logan, War Eagle from Illinois.

Butler and West Champions of Labor and right.

St. John and Daniel saint and prophet.

Ellsworth and Waterson, a small whisper yet

leaders of American Political Alliance will win all.

Belva Lockwood, clear the track poor weak immoral corrupt man has been tried and found wanting, must soon hand over the reins of government to his noble superior, WOMAN.

The men who start the campaign stories say they are telling the truth as they (would rather be right than be president)as someone once said, but we fear they will be neither. Adieu

C.L. Noble of Paulding Co. a guest of Hon. A.P Edgerton last week. One of the land marks of this country coming to Hicksville in 1833 as an Indian Trader, known today as "Coon Skin Noble", the skins that composed to a great extent his purchase from Indian and settler although he bought great numbers of other furs and skins. A missionary who distributed ted tea, cloth, calico, coffee and tobacco money to the suffering in exchange for furs. In 1850 the fur business being unprofitable he settled in Paulding Co, where he has occupied every office. In the gift of the people. From "Squire" to Representative in the State Legislature. He was Recorder, County Comm. and Sheriff of Defiance County. In fact has spent his life holding office as Probate Judge, Auditor or in some other position.

In his speech to the Old Settlers in 1878 gives the following happy description:

Suppose I describe a "coon skin buyer" that the younger settlers may know what he was. He was perhaps like the horse Shakespeare pictured for Adonis, but I'll not put NOBLE on as an Adonis attachment whatever may have been the opinion of the POTTAWATAMIE VENUSES. The horse was round hoofed, short jointed, broad chest, full eye, small head, wide nostril, high crest, short ears, straight legs, and passing strong, thin mane, thick tail, broad buttock and tender hide. there's a horse for you in shape courage, pace and bone. Well NOBLE didn't have any such kind of horse but he tried to get one, but always failed. When he was mounted on the horse he did have he had a good saddle with a horn. In those days the other horn were not carried on a saddle but generally encased in glass in a side pocket. He sat up straight, rode easily, for himself and horse, used short stirrups, foot about level with toe a little higher than the heel, the foot parallel with horses side, so that the point of the toe could be seen when looking over the knee as he sat erect. Knees were kept close to the saddle. When thus seated he looked well and was secure in his seat. The winter was his time to travel. He wore a thick beaver over coat with numerous pockets, fur cap pulled over the ears, always good gloves, good breeches especially in the riding part, green leggings, some times with buttons, but generally tied around with green or worsted bindings, good boots, had a smiling face and a merry twinkle in his eye, and a tongue!

Well that was ever the winning weapon, a manly courage and audacity of the devil. They were all alike in these respects. NOBLE, BLINN or any other coon skin buyer. A prime skin, white pelt, dark fur ears as soft as Lyon's velvet, square Indian dressed, made his heart glad when met, with his horse covered over and loaded down with such skins, his bottle was always empty and he felt as if he could ride into the center of the great LEIPSIC FAIR and take the highest prices!. At Leipsig in Germany an annual fair was held and was the place all the prime skins were taken.

Report of the State Election

12 acres of baked potatoes raised in muck between Ada and Forest, the muck burned and baked the potatoes.

A horse hitched in a blacksmith house in Waterloo while a political delegation passed headed by a brass band went by, dropped dead from fright. The horse was justified

News Oct. 23rd. 1884
Henry Oswalt speech (done)
The oldest college in the U.S. with the exception of Harvard, Wm. and Mary College in Virginia has been compelled to close it's doors having but one student at the beginning of the school year. Founded in 1693. Eminent alumni include Washington, Randolff, Tyler, Breckenridge and General Scott.
End of report of Old Settler's Meeting.

Oct. 30.1884 List of school age children in the County.

Adams	Boys: 201	Girls 233	Highland	Boys: 212	Girls 204
Defiance	154	148	Mark	192	134
Defiance Union	1,102	974	Mark Sp. Dist.	18	11
Delaware	297	269	Milford	222	214
Farmer	194	187	Noble	163	135
Hicksville Twp	137	150	Richland	283	135
Hicksville Sp.Dist	240	261	Tiffin	285	271
Highland	212	204	Washington	249	200

Letter from Wisconsin:

Wisconsin as I saw it, My son John Miller and many others of this vicinity have moved there.

The objection I see is the cold climate, yet they raise early varieties of corn.

Second is the heavy timber and a portion of the land has very much hemlock with their roots running over the surface of the ground making it almost impossible to cultivate until stumps and roots are removed, yet they do say hemlock stumps are easy to remove.

Another objection is the scarcity of rail timber that splits readily

My fourth objection is the uneven surface of the ground. It has every appearance of there being a cyclone or windfall some years ago that blew down the entire forest.

Now to offset those objections:

I see many things to admire. The country is rolling, the soil good, water excellent. A healthy country. There is a great variety of timber, hemlock, pine, elm, birch, balsam oak, basswood in abundance. Another peculiar advantage is the sub-soil. Where thrown up on roads make a better road than any new country I ever saw. It is yellow clay and becomes very hard making it easy to make a first class road.

The country is natural for grass and clover and produces vegetables in abundance, also good wheat and oats.

This is a birds eye view of Wisconsin as I saw it. and were I a young man with limited means and desired to farm it for a livelihood, I would go to Wisconsin and purchase a piece of land at the rate they sell it and make me a home.

There are a dozen families or more who have moved from this county. into Marathon county and I am very sure if they are industrious they will be well to do in a few years.

Nov. 6, 1884

Nearly $1,500 under the SCOTT LAW has been paid into Hicksville by the saloons. a greater part of it spent on improvements. Who can conceive of the special turmoil a special tax levy will create and such will be nice if the money is to be restored to the saloonists.

Lawyers say return will not be necessary, as special tax repayment not authorized. The out come remains to be seen. (it had to be repaid by Village, County and State after the Supreme Court declared invalid.)

Nov. 13th, 1884

The steel nail is making headway against the iron in spite of prejudice against it. In railroads iron is being replaced by steel for rails as well as bridges..

Nearly all the world can raise wheat but only 1/20th can raise corn.

Nov. 20, 1884

One and one half columns on the funeral of Mrs. Bruce Miller daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Casebeer.

According to physicians one of the worst and growing evils of our time is the practice of smoking cigarettes. Rolled in paper with Valerian. The smoke of a large quantity of this paper will produce disease and at last fatal illness.

A new version of the "shell game" played on T.T. Armstrong. Fellow in a buggy came along and requested directions to Hicksville where he meant to open a jewelry Store. For advertising he was selling a fine 14k gold ring cheap at $20.00. also showed a series of boxes one with $35.00 in bills placed in it, a corner of green paper stuck out of one, and given the chance to get a ring plus his $15.00 and $20.00 more back. Mr. Armstrong agreed. Gave up $20.00, chose the box with the green showing and found a revenue Stamp. As Mr. Armstrong protested the man pointed a gun at his chest and went off down the road.

Nov. 27, 1884

Last Fall W.J. Heney made a pond, ordered German carp from the U.S. The fish on arrival seemed the worse for wear making him doubt that they would survive. Having occasion to rearrange the outlets he drained the pond and found a 19" carp weighing 5 pound and 3/4.a gain from 3 inches.

Article on the debt of the nations.

December 4, 1884

Discovery of tin in the Black Hills upsets England; we have imported $30,000,000 at about $400.00 per ton.

In combining the habit of morphine eating and opium smoking there is an even stronger appetite to overcome, that of the inveterate user of tobacco. Only those who have escaped from the thralldom of opium can fully realize the power it possesses over the mind and body, can appreciate the effort required to escape. Yet there are instances where victims have overcome the appetite that possessed them and the victory once won held to this day.

transfers:

Joseph Bunnell to Martin Wiles lot A & 10 in Bun.2nd	$280.
George Cook to John Williams lot 4 Bun.Boon Bevington adn.	$800.
Chas. Shilling to Cortes Tippin & Guv.Tippin part lot 54 in Auditors plat	$125.

December 11, 1884

List of gifts at Bilderback Wedding in Benzonia, Mich.

Organ by Groom; Bed & Bedding & glassware, mother of the Bride, Handsome set of furniture, mother & father of the groom, doz. napkin rings, J. Bilderbacks; half doz. silver teaspoons A. Millers; same from F.M. Thompsons; Glass fruit dish, E. Worts;Table spread, D.Wertz; oil painting T.R. Millisons; Rocker B. Gorgas; pr. linen towels, Miss Mary Babb; Camp rocker S.E. Daniels; silver napkin rings, Miss smith & Kate Meek. Chair tidy, Miss Ida Hill; Bed spread Miss Mercy Coulter; Christian Standard, Rev. White.

In discourse at the Tabernacle Rev. Spurgeon famous Baptist preacher of London declared that if anyone could show him in the bible the command "thou shall not smoke" he was ready to quit. It's as much as I can do to keep the ten commandments, I've no desire to make them 11 or 12.Therefore I mean to smoke.

There are 25 chewing gum manufacturers in this country together they do $1,500,000 worth of business. New York the largest, six in all.

Some weeks ago George Hood driving a pig down High St. was accosted by L.E. Griffin, who offered 50 cents for the specimen of swine. "All right come and take your property" L.E. looking into the future through far seeing eyes of a Blackstone saw about 400 pounds of pork in the hog and paid over the 50 cents. It would be difficult to find a more unpromising looking hog than this one. It belonged to that almost extinct family called "elm peelers" or "land sharks". L.E. wore the look of a philosopher as he steered the pig toward the domestic domicile of Griffin. People observing said "L.E. is having a "think with himself"

A pen was improvised and the pig established. There in the gloaming when he returned from a long tussle with some complicated case before a J.P., L.E would take a bucket of provender and walk down to the rear of his lot to feed his investment. Webster never watched his cattle with the delight this duty gave L.E.. But in the course of a few days not until several dollars worth of feed had been consumed however, the pig's nose became sore and thereafter it was a veritable gapping pig the kind alluded to be Shylock and it was found necessary to kill it. L.E. looked sad for some time and the boys in Court looked into each others eyes and spake to one another "why is this, why doth sorrow weigh down on our colleague? "His thoughts were about the pig pen at home and it's Babylonish desolation.

News December 18,1884

W.H. Lane Esq. of Williams Center was in attendance at the teacher's institute at this place Saturday. He is a versatile genius dispensing Justice as a J.P. preserving a good appetite as a "son of the plow" and keeping his mind in the proper tension by instructing the young, ideas in the winter and writing occasionally for the papers.

The barn of George Countryman was burned last week. A large frame 32 x 48 feet with several sheds attached. Contained 50 bushels of wheat, 150 of oats, 25 ton of hay. The horses were saved, loss about $1,300, some insurance. The third barn burned in the last three months. Thought to be the work of an incendiary.

Caskets covered with black broad cloth are most popular.

The state of Ohio owes $4,102,879. Five dollars for each voter.

F.L. Forlow is appointed receiver of the brickyard property of Stopher and Johnson.

transfers:

Mrs. H. Simpson to Wilderson & Co. part of lot 231 $800.
Fred March as adm. of Aaron Diehl Disc. to Pete Corrasel; . 120 acres Mark Twp.
Moses Blackburn to Geo. Holton 40 acres Mark Twp. $700.
Willam Hutchinson to Moses Blackburn 40 acres Mark Twp.$600.

December 25, 1884

United States population 55,000,000 estimated. congregations listed.

California is the leading state in wine and fruit growing. The industry to top the world. Since 1870 production of wine from 3 million to 30 million gallons, will increase to 100 million. In France much of the land is infested with pests and the land exhausted.

Died at the home of parents in Mitchel, Dakota, Dec. 6th. Minnie Isadore Bracy, the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.B. Bracy after an illness of several weeks with Typhoid fever. aged 16 1/2, Former resident of Hicksville. Buried in a metallic casket on family ground so that the body may be moved to Ohio to join a little brother.

Residence of C.C. Lehman written in detail.

Hicksville News January 1, 1885

TAXATION OF SPIRITS and MANUFACTURED TOBACCO PRODUCTS
The Fort Wayne Daily News. A letter from A.P. Edgerton.(two columns)

Taxation by the government with the money returned to the states in proportion to their use for general purposes. The propo-sition has been advocated by politicians and news papers during the past two years. But it seems that the more it is considered and the better it is understood, the stronger it becomes as a principle of right and justice.

Under Jackson the tariff and distribution was temporary, this would be permanent. Our tax payers can consider whether it is better to tax their farms, homes and personal property or tax whiskey. With thoughtful consideration they must say tax the evils of the country.

The question: Shall the drinkers of ardent spirits be compelled to pay the additional taxes made necessary by the evils they create
and the resulting crimes?

Spirits and tobacco not being necessities and yet having the capability of producing immense revenues, to the relief of what are necessaries, should be taxed to the fullest extent of the demand.

Sewing has been introduced in certain branches of the Public Schools of Philadelphia. Industrial education has no limit. The study of drawing opened the way for sewing. Sewing in some cities will soon pave the way for something else. The public can not and ought not to shoulder too much of the responsibility of the citizen. One of the grandest traits of the people is individual enterprise. If fed and clothed and educated too much at public expense the tendency of the population is toward reliance upon a sort of pat-ernal government for many things that they ought to earn and learn without public aid.

There will be 90 acres of land cleared on the Arrowsmith farm near Logan this winter and next summer with the intent of sowing it to wheat in the fall. A good chance for the axe men to show their skill.

The Webster Mills have resumed work, the burrs now receiving a patent dress by a Mr. Kennedy who is said to be an expert at the business.

Jericho:

A number of oyster suppers.

A load of young people from Antwerp sleighed to Mr. Sundays.

A dance at Mr. Bishop's Christmas evening.

Jan.8, 1885

Letter from Fairfield, Iowa describing the area as well as detailed description of a country school class; Wilbur Bender.

Jericho:

Mush and milk and pumpkin pie parties in vogue.

Installation of Rev. Barr at the Presbyterian church.

NOTICE; Co-partnership of J.C.Wilderson and Kerr Bros. & Co. dissolved by mutual consent. The business of furniture and undertaking will be continued at the same place under firm name of Wilderson & Co.

Bankrupt sale of C.L. Morrow, Commercial Block. The firm formerly owning this stock did business on the honest and honorable principle of one price with goods marked in plain figures.

Farmer:

We are inclined to think that the scholars at District # 5 won't take hard cider to school, throw corn at one another, play cards etc. while A.H. Ewan is the teacher

Married at home of bride's parents, John Freyman by Rev. Wesner, Elmer J. Richardson and

Miss Lura C. Freyman. Mr. Richardson one of Farmer Townshiip's best teachers.

The land in the reservoir at Antwerp is owned by Toledo parties and the Argus thinks it's abandonment is a private scheme of theirs.

Mrs. I.A. Gingery and Miss Madge Hartle spent the first of the week at Goshen, Indiana.

Williams Center:

William Beattie is cutting down "Sawyer's Grove" in front of his house. He says it may look nice to those who pass by but it is a rather expensive ornament.

Jan. 15, 1885

Article on Vinegar, 1/2 Column on manufacture and uses.

A private letter from A.P. Edgerton on the liquor question:

I have reasoned myself clearly in to the opinion that the wisest and only profitable way of dealing with the liquor question is first to tax the consumption throughout the land for the benefit of tax payers, and then to reach the sellers by State laws like the Scott Law. This course is better, more effectual resulting in more permanent good than any other mode which can be devised. With the excise tax levied by Congress: therefore general throughout the country, it reaches every consumer. For the good of those who do not consume and then with the State tax on the sale it compels those who will enjoy the "luxury" or the misery of a drink pay for it and not compel an over taxed and grievously wronged public to do it.

The power of spirits and tobacco to produce revenue has been demonstrated by the collections of millions in 1796 internal revenue tax on these things in twenty years. Those who used these things were not conscious of paying the tax anymore than they are now conscious that the reduction in the tax made in 1883 which caused a diminution of internal revenue in 1884 of 23 million dollars was a gain to them.

All the government machinery for collection of the proposed tax still exists and expense of 3 1/2 % all that is needed is a law directing the Secretary of the Treasure to pay over the net amount annually or quarterly to the States, where it would reduce property tax.

Mention of the great pyramid of SONORA Mexico, it's remains stand 750 feet high, originally 50 to 100 feet higher and three and one half miles around the base. The winding carriage way leading to it's top has a length of twenty three miles.

An express train of eight cars is valued at $66,700.. The engine and tender at $10,500. baggage car at $1,000; postal car at $2,000. smoker at $2,200. two common passenger cars at $3,000. each; the three palace cars at $15,000. each

. The ends of the earth meet at Oberlin College, 48 different state, territories and foreign countries are represented, 1,314 students. Ohio furnishes half of the number, N.Y. 96; and Missouri 17. Excellence in facilities yet keeping expense for room and board to $2.00 per week, can be reduced to $1.50 by anyone willing to do housework for an hour or two a day.

transfers:

Elizabeth Warner to Elder Hallabaugh lot 3 Wirt's addn.	$ 50.
H.B.Correll etal to James Coulter lot 9 partnsp addn.	$ 743.
Ed Bilderback to Rebecca Baker lot 23 Edge. 1st addn	$ 850.
John Clay to John Lower part of lot 157	$ 54.
John Lower to Corwing Diehl part of lot 157	$ 350.
Joseph Rex to Sally Welty a parcel Hix Twp.	$ 280.
Simeon Farney to Willam Nelson 1 acre Hix Twp.	$ 300.

Mary Hieber to Philip Kisabeth 50 acre Mark Twp.. $ 720.
Willam Fee to Samuel Fee 40 acre Milford Twp. 1,600.
Allen Wort to Joseph Bunnell lot 29 Bun 2nd addn. $ 150.
John L Bevington to Joseph Bunnell lots 16,18,19,25,26,and
lots 27, and 43 Bunnell Boon Bevington addn. $ 200.

An exchange asks: Will the Bohemian oats men tell us why they sold to a few, but a very few farmers in Hardin Co. last year, and are this year sparing no one? Will the Bohemian oats men please explain how oat mills will pay $200. a bushel for their oats when oat meal is retailing for six cents a pound? Why they then get a note from a farmer for $150.as good as gold and straight way sell it for $100.? We would have our farmer friends investigate this Bohemian oats investment thoroughly before purchasing. Many thousands of dollars are going out of this country for a product that is sold at ten times at least it's market value. Fictitious prices are never lasting and may not last till next year.

This is hard weather on the railroad boys. Almost every paper contains an account of an accident by which some have been crippled or lost their lives. etc. Yet lots of boys lay awake nights hoping for a chance for that work. Go west boys where there is lots of room and be miners, bull whiskers or cow boys. Anything but railroad men and your friends will recognize you as a whole when you come to die, not as a part

Jan. 22, 1885

A letter from Tenn. almost a column, from Henry Milliman, Rhea Springs, Tenn. Opportunities for manufacturing especially based on iron. Good people, but don't call them rebels unless you are prepared to defend yourself or a good place picked out to hide. Generous to a fault but will not take an insult. For recreation quail and rabbits, plenty deer in the mountains and splendid fishing. Healthful but if you are looking purely for a place to make money look somewhere else.

A fruit dealer in New York discussing the Florida orange trade and it's wonderful growth during the past few years: 800,000 boxes last year. He claims Mediterranean oranges can be laid down in N.Y. for less than the Florida fruit as transportation costs are excessive and should be reduced. Shippers should know needs of each market. 1/3 of crop wasted .

An old gentleman who was intimate with George Washington Curtis, the adopted son of George Washington has recently given some reminiscences for publication. Among other things it is stated that when George was first elected to the House of Burgesses among the items of his election expense were found to be a hogshead and a barrel of whisky, 35 barrels of wine and 43 gallons of beer. Washington was never known to be intoxicated but drank five glasses of Madeira wine with his dessert after dinner.

San Francisco, says an inhabitant, has not been a clean city from the day of it's foundation. Oriental dirt and Occidental dirt, a foreign city merchandise fills the sidewalks and in many places crowds the citizen into the street where offal is thrown. The six month trade wind of summer and the six month rains are the two sanitary agents which keep watch and ward over the city.

transfers:
Joseph Martin to Byron Rockwood land in Hix $ 5.200.
Levi Wilder to Abner Nisley 60 acres Farmer Twp.. 3.000.
Franklin Etchen to John & Wesley Etchens 80 A. Mark Twp.400.
Henry F. Ames to E. Ames lot in Hicksville 110.
Donald Coulter to John Coulter 40 acres Hix 700.

Tally one for drainage. L.W. Wilder reports on 8 acres cleared 18 years ago, pastured several years, planted to corn for 3 years before tiling, probably 30 bushel to the acre. He put tile every 4 rod, since has raised 4 crops, two of corn yielded 60 bushels of shelled corn to the acre. One crop of wheat this year of 36 bushel to the acre.

Diphtheria prevailing, much fatality over the country. At Sandusky City the board of health advised the following method for medicating houses. Put in a bottle of water 10 drops of oil of turpentine and 10 drops of carbolic acid, let the smell fill the house. It is believed to hinder development of the disease. Patient need a very hot room 90 degrees without draughts of air.

Farmers propose that a flag be raised or a whistle blown for the approach of a storm. A sum of money could be collected to pay factories for their trouble.

Tenth census of the U.S. reported.

The most paradoxical of all is the fact that a woman's worst enemy is her own sex. Let misfortune overtake a girl and she becomes an object of scorn, ostracized by society and shunned as a pest by her own sex. While the villain who brought her ruin will be feted and sought after as a jewel by the very women who blotted out her sisters life. Now let some good sister explain this.

L.W. Wilder received for the"settlers" cabin: copper bed warming pan, a wooden spoon 200 years old used to mix her wedding cake (plum pudding) given by Mrs. Mc Caskey of Cecil, Also $10. worth of gold dust panned by her husband near Horseshoe Bend, California.

News Jan. 29, 1885

A Boston inventor has perfected a snore cure. It is a piece of wire bent in the shape of a double hair pin, on one end is a small wheel something like a child's pinwheel made of silk. the wire is fastened over the upper teeth when retiring bringing the pin wheel in close proximity to the nose and mouth. When the sleeper snores it starts the wheel revolving and the points of the wheel's rays which have fine sharp needle ends whirling around rapidly tickle the snorers nose and cause him to desist. The inventor has large orders for the snoring cure.

Scotland has been made a Past Grand Mockup in the East in the Society for Suppression of Profanity.

A letter from G.W. Chapman of Colby, Wisconsin.
Reports a splendid winter, good sleighing all the time, weather mild most of the time. Folks here from Ohio are all well. Mr. Swann's mill running lively cutting lumber and shingles. Mr. Swann not able to run mill yet, Peter Kyle runs the mill. One evening last week John Byers drove up to Johnny Millers with 20 people, in a short time 20 more arrived, soon most of the party in a lively dance. At 12 o'clock the table was spread with refreshments after which the dance resumed. Waiting they said for the sun to warm the atmosphere so they could stand to ride home.

Adv. Miller Brothers SPECIAL SLAUGHTER for Saturday Jan.31,1885.
10 horse blankets @.85 each; 7 for $1.25 each to $2.75.
1 lap robe $2.25 worth $2.50 rooms 2 and 3 in Casebeer Block

Bohemian oats. if all the oats sold at $10.00 a bushel are sowed on good ground even if some fall on rocks or Canada thistle, those that remain will still bring forth 30, 60 or 100fold will bull the market so that next September they wont be worth 40 cents. If all that has been written on this subject there should still be farmers who find themselves duped they will have no one to blame but themselves.

A cold bed, frozen sheets ,the red hot flat iron at the foot, etc.
transfers:

Daniel E. Partee to L.C.Henderson Mark Twp. 19 acres $350.
Michael Kromer to Adolph A. Granger Milford twp.80acres $400.
Daniel E. Partee to Almira Wincompleck Mark Twp.1 acre $40.
Frank Landis to Hix Cemetery Association 140 rod $19.
Joseph Bunnell to Lucinda Wesner lot 1 B.B.& B.adn. $250.
John B.Steel to Isaac Rockwood a parcel Hix Twp. $5,200.
A.P.Edgerton to Caroline Voight lots 53 & 54 Edg.2nd ad $397.

F.L. Forlow after its entertainment invited the members of the cast of Sin and Shadow together with members of the orchestra and numerous other friends down to the ALDINE Hotel where they partook of a bountiful repast of oysters and accompanying viands. Happy for all owing to the careful attention of landlord Barr, ever watchful that everyone is well served and treated.

Defiance has made provision for the men out of work at that place. Every man who wants employment can get work at 10 cents an hour working for the city breaking stone for macadamizing the streets. Payment for such labor is made each Saturday evening for the time put in each week.

Last Saturday evening a merry sled load visited the comfortable home of Israel Richards out at his farm on Tight street. Composed of the following: Mr. and Mrs. B.S. Pettit; Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Griffin; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Eley; Mr. and Mrs. Web. Richards; Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Richards; and Mr. and Mrs. Web Hastings.

Married Jan.22, Rev.J. Wesner officiating; William Hoffmeister of Hicksville township and Miss Eva Walker of Allen Co. Indiana.

Insurance Companies are warning people about putting sawdust in spittoons, a cigar butt could ignite it and cause a fire.

Feb. 5, 1885

At Elk Rapids, Michigan there are charcoal works that consume 40,000 cords of wood per annum. The smoke was formerly wasted but now is manufactured into chemicals by being blown by immense fans into a purifier from which it eventually comes in the form of an acid as clear as amber. From this acid are produced, acetate of lime, alcohol, tar and gas. Each cord of wood produces 12,000 pounds of acetate of lime, 200 gallons of alcohol and 25 pounds of tar.

Sherwood:

Dave Openlander has bought the lot on which the Post Office now stands and is going to put up a large store this Spring.

Fountain Chapel Corners:

John Oswalt the "Rattle head" of the Antwerp Argus and J.T. Bushong of our township attended the G.A.R. meeting at Akron last week. H.H. Gordon and W.F. Fleck went as far as Toledo and came home.

Williams Center:

The young ladies of Farmer township certainly took advantage of Leap Year judging by the number of marriages that took place during the holidays.

Cicero:

Forlow and Company who own the tile yard near six corners, report this winter's business the most prosperous they have experienced. Their immense stock of tile is nearly all sold. Shows that liberality and square dealing is appreciated by the farmers. Although tile is their specialty they also make brick.

The following compose a party that starts for the Exposition in New Orleans next Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. George F. Knight; Mr. and Mrs. William Harter; Mr. and Mrs. George Shutt; Mr. and Mrs. John Ely of Kendalville; and Mssrs Alfred Ridenouer and Enoch Farmer.

Married Feb. 1st, Joseph Hilliard of Bryan and Alta S. Crowl of Hicksvile, by J.S. Tedrow. They plan to make their home in Bryan.

transfers:

John Greek to Hattie S.Cooper 40 A Mark Twp.	$800.
Anton Weber to Albert G.McCord 44 A Tiffin Twp..	$1.200
Samuel Brunkhart to Elija Beerbower 90 to 100 A Milford	$100.
A.P.Edgerton to William Babbage lots 223 & 234 orig.P.	$800.
Jacob Karst & J.M. Preisendorfer as ex.of estate of the last will and testament of Joseph Bauer to Christian Diehl, the brewery property in North Defiance	$8,000.

News Feb. 12,1885

Bohemian Oats, (almost a full column).

The Harvard School of Divinity is in need of a "live canvasser" it has seven professors and eleven students within it's walls.

The Mt. Claire shops of the B & O built 40 locomotives last year. 13 Consolidations, 19 Moguls and 9 passenger.

A letter from Cedar Falls, Iowa. Wilier Bender a bachelor, formerly from Williams Center.

A surprise party for Mrs. Esther Parker, soon to move to Kansas. Assembled at the residence on Maple street. Returning from J.M. Ainsworth at 8 P.M. she was surprised to find a house full. Friends had purchased an elegant upholstered patent rocker, presented with a neat speech by Doctor Rakestraw.

transfers:

Solomon Rex to George Kyle lot15 Mark C.Kyle/Anderson	$35.00
John Goller to Clinton R.Hutchins 30A Farmer Twp.	$540.00.
A.P.Edgerton to Wm.Babbage lots 233/234/E 10 ft. of 231 1/2 and 232 1/2 in Auditors plat	$886.00.

market:

wheat 80 cents; oats 28 cents; clover seed $4.50; corn 28 cents; butter 12 cents; eggs 20 cents; beans $1.50/bu.; potatoes 40 cents; dressed pork/100 $5.00; beef on foot/100, $2.50 to $3.00;live hog $4.00.

News Feb. 19, 1885

Jackson reminiscences of Hon. Benjamin Patton.(2 1/2 columns)

A personal friend of the old hero. Every year for thirty years the Jackson Democrats of Wooster, Wayne Co. have celebrated the 8th of Jan. Attracts attention from all over the state. This year they invited Judge Patton to join them and respond to a toast. It did not suit him to leave home but he sent them some reminiscences of General Jackson which have been extensively published. We copy from the Wayne Co. Democrat, on the first page will be found a three column interview of Hon. Benj. Patton aged 75, who was a U.S. Judge under President Jackson. Mr. E.D. Otis interviewed Mr. Patton a FONTLAND. A large body of land which he entered at Government rates 40 years ago adjoining the flourishing town of Hicksville.

"To comply with your request I shall have to do two things which I have a aversion to. One is to talk about myself in a public way, another is to repeat some matters that have already been made public. So at the risk of displaying an old man's garrulity, or plunging into the mire of egotism".

I saw General Jackson inaugurated the 4th. of March 1829. I was then about19 years of age pursuing my studies at Carlisle, Pa. Gen. Robert Deska a relative of mine was a member of Congress from Tenn. as was also James K.Polk afterwards President, one of the purest of men. Close personal friends of the old hero, they introduced me to him in his rooms at Gadsby's Hotel before his inauguration. He was naturally graceful in his movements, always gracious, polite and considerate towards his friends, young people and ladies. Utterly incapable of dissimulation or hypocrisy.

The inauguration was a very plain simple affair, he walked from the hotel to the Capitol bare headed. Accompanying him were venerable men with grey heads who like himself had served in the War of the Revolution.

I had never been so far away from home, I stopped at the Willard, my bill amounted to $9.25 for five days. If I had skipped cigars and wood for fuel would have been $7.00. If members of Congress could live in hotels in Washington today for $1.25 they would soon get rich on their $5,000 a year.

Some months after the inauguration by invitation of Commodore Elliott who was assigned to command our naval squadron in the West Indies and the Gulf of Mexico, I went with him as secretary. I spent a year on a man o war, and upon my return was bearer of dispatches to the Government. Again I had the pleasure of seeing a good deal of General Jackson.

The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography of 1883 gives me the credit of preventing a war with Mexico, at the time a long story. The pen of the scribe, mild words for harsh have prevented many a war.

At that time I partook of a family dinner as the only guest with General Jackson. A plain dinner as that of a substantial farmer; he asked the divine blessing. Major Donelson, his private secretary, Mrs. Donelson and two young ladies, members of the household from Tennessee were present. The general very abstemious of his diet confined to rice and milk; wine on the table but he didn't partake.

After being admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania I went in company of General Deska and James K. Polk to Nashville with the intention of making it my permanent residence. Visited the Hermitage that mecca for Democratic pilgrims. The General was in Washington battling for the right of the people against the assumptions of Gigantic Moneyed Power; a fearful conflict: The United States Bank. He removed from it's vaults the government deposits, a frightful haul from it's worshipers the length and breadth of the land. His secretary of the Treasury resigned being opposed to the measure. His friends were greatly alarmed, but he came out of the conflict in triumph. The American people are to this day indebted to him for whatever is left of the cause of popular sovereignty after twenty five years of plunder and corruption, the reign of monopoly and capital.

I was only 22 years old when he appointed me U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania, General Cass Secretary of War was my endorser. At age 28 promoted to the President Judgeship of the Pittsburg District.

Official duties sometimes called me to Washington. On one of these occasions I found myself breakfasting with the "old hero".Mr. Webster had recently made a speech at Worcester. Mass. that was a terrific attack on the administration.

A paper containing it was on the table, he asked me to read the speech to him. Throughout he smoked his pipe, he interrupted but once saying "I would not mind what the fellow says if he would only stick to the truth"

My good friend, Mrs. Judge Catron of Nashville, wife of a Supreme Court Judge, related this incident to me: The General rode into Nashville on an occasion only to hear the result of the recent election in Pennsylvania, a state that always was true as steel to him. This time Pennsylvania turned her back. Some one said to him "The news from Pennsylvania looks rather discouraging" he replied "wait til I hear from my young friend Patton, then we will know all about it"

Toward the close of my first term in office I was confined by a long and continued affliction, unable to attend in person to my duties in office. But they were faithfully performed by my partner in practice of law, Hon. Charles Shuler, in his day one of Pennsylvania's most distinguished lawyers. The hungry aspirants for the office taking advantage of my ill health presented their claims. The president treated their demand with outspoken scorn and contempt. I have good reasons to pay tribute to his memory.

During my term in Pittsburg I was in Washington during the term of Mr. Tyler just a few days before the annual meeting of Congress. Mr. Tyler at the previous session had vetoed Mr. Clay's pet measure to recharter the U.S.Bank. He thus had broken with the Whig party and was anxious to make friends with the Democrats. Among Mr. Tyler's "Kitchen Cabinet" was congressman Irwin of Pittsburgh, I suggested to Mr. Irwin that if President Tyler inserted in his message to Congress the request of passage of an Act to re-imburse General Jackson for the amount of the fine imposed on him by Judge Hill of New Orleans, it would be regarded by Jackson Democrats as a gracious act and help his administration. It was done, not necessarily at my instance but I had something to do with it. Congress complied including interest, General Jackson needed a good deal of coaxing to accept notwithstanding that he was in somewhat straightened circumstances financially. He had always taken pride in the fact that he paid the fine - the military must always be subordinate to civil power. He could have been president in 1825 when the election devolved on the house of representatives if he had consented to resort to the process of "bargain and sale" as was proposed to him. But he treated the proposition with scorn - not even the prize of the presidency itself could allure him from the path of virtue and honor.

In his youth, somewhat wild and fond of sport his wildness never brought dishonor, leaving behind no stain of moral obliquity. His life measured by the strictest standards of morality and religion was without reproach. Never a demagogue his cardinal principle was that the great body of people, the producers of it's wealth had a good if not better title to the fostering care of government than the bankers, brokers and various classes who manipulate the wealth. A gentleman as well as a patriot, a man of limited education, not deeply versed in statecraft. But his stern patriotism, his chivalrous character and his great military achievements stood out in bold relief.

In 1828 triumphantly elected to the presidency over the most thoroughly educated statesman of America. In his administration the constitution and laws and welfare of the people were guarded with zealous care. Foreign powers compelled to respect our National right the government debt was extinguished and a surplus of 10 million accumulated in Treasury. Well he might say" he left the country prosperous and happy" Well might we unite to do honor to the memory of a man who did so well and so much to advance the welfare, honor and glory of the Republic

His name will live forever, enshrined forever in the gratitude and admiration of his countrymen.

I have talked enough, you probably got more than you bargained for.

The papers say that Lieutenant Melville is getting ready to start on another arctic expedition in search for the north pole. It seems to us that it would be better for both Melville and the people if he would stay home, chop wood and take care of his family and mind his own business instead of looking around in search of the north pole. But science must be satisfied you know.

Fountain Chapel Corners by "Clyde":

The attendance at the meeting at Edward's Chapel on Sunday evening surpassed the memory of the people. 500 persons present,
many compelled to return home because of the crowded house. Three ministers present: Willmont, Brundage and Mohart.

A wicked world! During the protracted meeting at the U.B.Church thieves stole horse blankets, harness and other articles. No clue.

Bohemian Oat agents have sold oat seed to a number of farmers promising to pay $7.00 for all they raise. We hope they will do as they agree but, well.

Huckleberry Finn is Mark Twains latest and best book, every line fresh and new, this book is simply irresistible. The brightest and most humorous book Mark Twain has ever written, an amusing book, is a panacea more agreeable than doctors bills. W.F. Bender is taking subscriptions.

Forlow and Co. make the tile jingle in spite of the cold weather.

The following intend to be in Washington Inauguration Day:
F.M. Thompson, F.L. Forlow, George K. Otis, A. Hattery, W.R. Maxwell and F.N. Horton.
transfers:

David Crowl to Georgiana Fingery	6 A. Milford	$ 1,000.
John Long to John Coulter	40 A. Mark	1,250.
A.P.Edgerton to David Crowl	6 A. Hicksville Twp..	$ 954.
William Otis to Edward Otis	Hicksville Twp.	$ 1,400.
John W. Partee to E.F.Kniffen	58 A. Mark	$ 1,200.
Eliz. DeVore to John A.Kintner	80 A. Mark	$ 900.

Two box cars were thrown from the track Friday and precipitated down the embankment; one car contained Bohemian Oats. Nota Bene thinks it providential interference.

News Feb. 26, 1885

George Washington's monument dedicated Saturday although his birthday Sunday.

A New Orleans letter from W.H. Harter.

The Sunday market selling full blast! Everything utilized, hen brains, calf feet, calf heads, veal that in my opinion lacks several weeks or days of maturity.

The "spook" that haunted the residence of Mrs. George McCausland Causland, four miles west of Montpelier, turned out to be a man with a lantern who wanted her to sell the farm. A shot from a posse aiding the lady shot toward the lantern revealed that a man by the name of Summerfield was the "haunt".

The MACKEY brick block has been sold to George Huber and Mrs. . Francisca Huber, of New York; $5,333.33; it will continue as a hotel.

News March 5, 1885

A New Orleans letter from W.H. Harter.

Last evening's occasion of the Sunday School Social held at the spacious home of Peter Countryman for the benefit of the Christian S.S. School of Newville. 90 persons including Hicksville's harmonica band made it a success financially. Surely will form a bright picture among those that adorn memories wall.

The latest electric light project is to ileum the Atlantic from the banks of New Foundland to the shores of Ireland. Ten vessels stationed two hundred miles apart, each riding at a mushroom anchor are to display the lights. The vessels also to be connected together and to the shore by an electric cable and thus be enabled to send messages to any part of the world.

transfers:

John Wise to Valentine Weisz	lots 11&12 Kyle And.	Mark	$ 6,000
John Walter to P. Fryer	80 A.	Mark	$ 1,000
K.V.Miller et all to John Humbarger	100 A.	Milford	$ 4,200
Maria Anna Sprow to Jacob Mueller	40 A.	Mark	$ 1,000

F.F. Graves manager of the Toledo Telephone Exchange was in town to see what Hicksville is willing to do toward a line from Defiance to Hicksville, at a cost of $1,700. People are not required to donate but are asked to subscribe whatever amount they can afford and will receive $1.10 in coupons for each dollar, which entitle the holder to the use of the line for that amount. For five minutes talk, 20 cents inside the Co. twenty-five cents inside the state, thirty cents in Michigan.

The Farmer theatrical troop will give an entertainment soon. It will be a good one.

News March 12, 1885

a Michigan letter from E.M. Bilderback.

Williams Center: by Country Jake.

We now have three doctors and one doctress, and the whole "business" boiled down would not make one good doctor.

Hicksville Village funds reported, Gross tax of Defiance Co. $117,646.17

transfers:

John H Kimball to Henry Leman	40 A.	Milford	$ 1,700
John Williams to Mary E.Cook	40 A.	Hicksville Twp.	$ 1,800
Rachal Forder to Henry A. Brown	lot 3 & 10 ft.N.side of 4		$ 120
Jacob Hoblitzel to John Smith	1 A.	Mark Twp.	$ 125
Marianna Sprow to Jacob Miller	40 A.	Mark Twp.	$ 1,000

A Paulding Farmer has trapped & slain 480 polecats this season.

News March 19, 1885

A NOTABLE STAGE RIDE made such by the passage of time and the character of the passengers.

Persons now traveling from Toledo to Columbus doing their business and returning for their ordinary hour of retiring can obtain no conception of what this trip was like by stage coach. As an example: the experience of a company of travelers on this route 39 years ago.

Thursday A.M. 1846 the day after the Whig State Convention which nominated William Bebb for governor, a stage coach of the Concord pattern owned by Weil More & Co. left Columbus for Toledo with a full load of passengers. Among them were: Morrison R. Waite, Samuel M.Young, Henry Reed Jr. and Rutherford B. Hayes of Lower Sandusky (Fremont) and Alfred P. Edgerton, Defiance County, there were others not remembered.

The route was the "old mud pike",through Delaware, Marion, Upper Sandusky and Maumee City. The January thaw followed by heavy rains, the mud very deep. Consequently the stage made slow progress from the start. The male passengers often found it desirable to get out and walk for miles at a time and frequently a long distance in advance of their conveyance. Near Worthington three or four went about a half mile to a sugar camp and there enjoyed a taffy pull. The company reached Delaware twenty-four miles at midnight. After a capital supper at the old GRISSWALD TAVERN they passed on. the. night was dark and before they had gone a mile the stage upset causing a delay of several hours while the damage to the stage was repaired and to procure a surgeon to sew up the scalp of a passenger.

Marion was reached about midnight of the second day out. Proceeding at the same rate the stage arrived at Lower Sandusky Sunday morning having made the distance (105 miles in 72 hours). It reached Toledo (40 miles) on Monday morning at the end of the fourth day. the more rapid movement of the last day is accounted for by the fact that between Lower Sandusky and Perrysburg the road had been macadamized leaving only a distance from Maumee City to Toledo to be traversed in the mud.

Not less interesting than the details of the trip is the fact that each of these named has been permitted to make the same trip by rail.(Columbus & Toledo R.R.)in about as many hours as the former in days.

Of these men:

Mr. Waite- then recently entered the practice of law, for eleven years has been Chief Justice of the United. .States.

Mr. Young- then the Srenior Partner of Mr. Waite, successful in his profession and business is now President of the Toledo National Bank.

Mr. Reed- then a leading newspaper writer subsequently edited the Ohio State Journal and the Cincinnati Commercial and now is in journalistic work in Washington.

Mr. Backus- then a civil engineer on the Wabash and Erie Canal has since been a member of the Ohio Board of Public Works and for more than 20 years a successful business man of Toledo.

Mr. Buckland- then and yet in practice in Fremont has been a state Senator, a prominent army officer, a member of Congress and presidential elector.

Mr. Hayes- the junior of the group and then just arrived at "mans estate" has made an honorable record as a lawyer and in the army, been a member of Congress, three times Governor of Ohio and President of U.S.

Mr. Edgerton- then in business in Defiance County has been a Fund Commissioner of Ohio and a member of Congress and is now a prominent citizen of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

It is also noticeable that each of these gentlemen have been spared to see the 39th. anniversary of their experience on that trip and each is yet in active pursuit of life's employments and ends.

Mr. Edgerton as State Senator represented eight northern Counties of Ohio and subsequently the 13 N.W. Counties in Congress.

From The Toledo Commercial Telegram.

Eclipse through smoked glass Monday.

Bohemian Oats investors held a convention in Sherwood last week, some demanding their notes and others giving notice for innocent parties not to purchase such notes as they would not pay them as it was a swindle.

Alfred Ridenouer on returning from the Exposition in New Orleans visited friends in Florida. From what he saw on the entire trip he would not think of exchanging his residence here for any state he passed thru. Land and groves are held at an extravagant figure, yet every one seems anxious to sell, which impresses him that a reaction is taking place in Florida.

In Hicksville there are ten doctors, nine lawyers, and twelve ministers.

Fizz Pop Bang at the restaurant and bakery of Humbarger and Mayberry Saturday evening. The stove had smoked for some time and they didn't want to take the pipe down to remove the soot. They put gunpowder in the pipe and ignited it. The pipe started a trip to the moon and the stove tried to get down through the floor. The room was so filled with smoke that it couldn't at first be seen how many were killed. They bought a new stove Tuesday A.M.

Last Friday afternoon the body of Jane Wise was discovered in an outhouse where she had hung herself. She lead a life of shame and was broken down in body and mind and deranged when she took her own life. She had earlier gone to the woods - took opium, undressed and threw herself on a brush pile to freeze to death. She was found and resuscitated. On Saturday unwept, unhonored, unsung all that was earthly left of her was placed in a plain coffin and in a lumber wagon attended only by some men, borne to the cemetery. The wages of sin is death. Her husband died several years ago. She was forty years old.

transfers:

Rosa Thompson to John Deardorf quit claim 80 A.Milford $ 30.
Elmore Morrow to Rebecca Plum 38 A.Mark $1,000.

Sixty years ago they talked as they do now of the "good old days" of 40 years ago. The moralizing has always been a human weakness no doubt Herrodatus talked in the same strain.

Washington letter: Controversy between defendant General Hazen and the late Secretary of War Lincoln. The court martial is crowded every day with a distinguished assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. The ladies were seated, the men stood in the rear, among them Judge Patton. But he was not allowed to stand very long, he was lead to a room in the rear and greeted by the President of the Court and assigned a chair. General Hancock invited him to join them for lunch. On a later visit to Washington from Baltimore he was presented to President Cleveland by Senator Payne and to members of the Cabinet by Mr. Hill and formed a favorable opinion of their character and qualifications.

The roller skate is a wayward little quadruped.

South Bend Indiana Tribune-

Noting the career of a few well known citizens of this city shows how by patient industry men may rise in this country to places of affluence.

Mr. James Oliver was a foundry man working at Mishawaka for less wages than he has ever paid any of his men.

Mr. Clem Studebaker was a blacksmith in this city working as hard at the anvil and bellows as his employees have in that department often not having $5.00 to show at the end of the week for his week's work.

Mr. J.M. Studebaker was a wagon maker glad if a hard day's work brought him a half dollar.

Mr. P.E.Studebaker drove a peddler's wagon through this section of the state. A day's work might put a dollar in his purse

To put an egg in a bottle- soak a fresh egg for several days in strong vinegar. The acid will eat the lime of the shell so that the egg will be capable of compression. Select a bottle with an opening one third smaller than the egg. With a little care you can insert the egg in the bottle. Fill half full of lime water and as soon as the shell hardens pour off the lime water. A conundrum to others who see it.

A ministerial Association formed. The news item purely anti-skating rink.

The rink was crowded last Friday evening on the occasion of the Masked Carnival. There were pretty costumes, prizes awarded to Miss Wyat as the most graceful lady skater and to Albert Randolf as most graceful gentleman, each receiving a handsome toilet case.
Miss Madge Hartel took the prize for most novel & complete disguise among the ladies. Her costume was to represent the Hicksville News being made of them. The prize a season ticket.
Mr W.B. Hastings won for the men, handsomely costumed to represent an Indian Chief.
The paraphernalia being genuine purchased from Indians by Charles Hatton.

a letter from Florida, F.M. Horton.

Replying to the critical letter of March 19th. You can't judge Florida in a visit of a few days. etc.

transfers:

Fannie Frear to Geo. Landis a parcel in Hix twp.			$2,000
Ella Bricker to David Landis a parcel in Hix twp			$1,000
Tacy Ann Crowl to L.E.Conky	10 A.	Farmer twp	$ 225
Andrew Crowl to L.E.Conky	30 A.	Farmer twp	$1,475
Alfred Cook to Rebecca Henry	2 A.		$ 375
V.Kurbel to Christina Koerner	40 A.	Milford	$1,800

F.M. Thompson has sold house and lot corner of Cornelia and Main to Dr. James B. Taylor of Edgerton $1,700. Mr. Thompson will move to another house he owns two doors west. He expects to build a fine residence next year.

Yes, something was said about a telephone but as we were too busy to do all the "blowing" the matter is about as dead as a mummy.

News April 9, 1885

Cards are out for the marriage of George K.Otis and Miss Minnie Cowhick. Rev. G.W. Bare.
Joseph Murphy is building a residence on Maple Street.

Mr. Pierce who conducted the skating rink has lost his 100 skates. In order to obtain the hall he signed a contract that obliged him to rent the room for two months at $15.00 per week, in case he couldn't pay the rent the proprietor of the hall was to hold the skates until it was paid to the end of the contract. Mr. Pierce is wiser about contracts and the owner of the hall owns 100 pair of skates.

transfers:

Levi W.Wilder to Otis L. Wilder	110 A	Farmer	$6,000.
John A. Foust to William Wilson	lot # 11	Edg.1st.ad.	$2.400.
Alfred Edgerton to Hiram J.Newton	part lot #60,	Aud plat	$ 150.

Why are we right handed? The lobes of the brain control opposite sides of the body, the left lobe is larger; maybe this produces more nervous energy strengthening the right side.

April 16, 1885

The Canal question: The question is shall appropriation be made annually to sustain parts

that do not pay expenses or shall these nonsupporting parts be abandoned and only those parts that pay be repaired?
The Counties that have no canals and those having self supporting branches are inclined to withdraw appropriations. The impression is quite general that the canals especially the non-supporting branches having served their day and generation ought to be abandoned or sold.

Farmer:

There is talk of a roller skate rink in our village. Will it be for the benefit of the church?

A trial of Mettler's tile laying machine will be made on the farm of A.C.Biglow as soon as practicable.

A gang of gypsies passed through last week.

There are 94 "life" convicts in the Ohio Penitentiary.

George T. Nichols is erecting a 30 x 50 stable on the rear of his lot opposite the Swilley House.

Charlie Krotz the much abuilding and much sued Charley of Defiance is directing his attention to Paulding.

Another skating rink has walked over the corpse of the deceased rink, peace to it's ashes and the roar of the rollers is now heard.

transfers:

Francis C. Walden to Homer Ridenouer 10 A. Farmer $ 500.
Solomon Rex to Jesie Evans lot 60 in KyleAndrew adnMark$ 35.

News April 23,1885

Reply to the Horton Florida letter by Alfred Ridenouer.

When I went to Florida I thought to make an investment. Many anticipate an over production of oranges. As to the climate, I think it damp especially in the lake region, thank you and your amiable wife for the hospitality you showed me while there. I could never have more attention and kindness shown than by my host and hostess in Florida.

Fountain Chapel by Clyde:

No, OMNIBUS CHARLEY is not played in the same manner that Jericho folks play NEEDLES EYE. Come over to our next party and learn how it"s done.

Our corners are improving, board fences are taking the place of the old rail fences, the roads are being made 40 foot wide. We lead the world!

It cost the state $16,000,000 to build the Ohio canals, they are worth vastly more. The cost of maintaining them will only be a small percentage of what the people will loose in increased freight if the canals are not kept up.

Metler's tile laying machine a success.

A basin drained by the Green River is the only place DINOCERATA remains have been Found at 8,000 feet above sea level is the site of an ancient lake whose borders the great elephant sized beasts roamed.

transfers:

W.H.Thornburg t Melinda Snyder 60 A. Hix $3,300
Melinda Snyder to Wm Benninghof 60 A. Hix $3,350
George K.Otis to W.H.Thornburg 227 12 A. Hix $3,360
Esther Parker to Charles Lobdell lot 11 Parkers etal I$ 150
Wm. Daub to Clement Correli 80 A. Hix tap
Rachel Forder to Emment Kile a tract in Hix 115

A two story brick 35 feet deep 66 feet front will be commenced as soon as the material can be

secured on the corner now occupied by A.P.Edgerton's office. There will be three business rooms in the block.
The corner room will be built by the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank and will be occupied by it. Provided with vaults and fitted to a banks requirements

Messrs F.M Thompson and Joseph Kerr Sr. and I.S. Miller will erect the other two rooms. Mr. Edgerton has not yet decided where he will move his office building though he has several locations under consideration.

Last week I.S. Miller sold his interest in the hardware of Miller Brothers & Co. to his partners; Amos Miller and F.W. Jeffries.

Hicksville ships more grain than any other town on the Chicago Division.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton is in Chicago attending of the Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Why is it dangerous to be out in the Spring?
Because the grass has blades, the flowers pistols, the leaves shoot and the bull rushes out.

News April 30, 1885
a letter from Kansas D.J. Coy, Clifton, Kansas.

Money loaned at 12 % per annum, shorter time, 3 % per month.

The project to steal the canals from the state probably will not be consummated. The press and the people will not be ignored.

There is nothing perhaps that adds more to the beauty of a town than shade trees. This time of year planting is in order. The expense is slight, each individual i the end will be compensated a hundred fold for the expense and labor in the beauty and comfort.
A few trees planted along the edge of lots would make them sell better.

Matt Hilbert took a boy to raise some time ago. Two weeks ago the boy took a double barreled shot gun and a revolver and left. Considering what he took he may have gone west to terminate the red man.

John Jameyson is setting out shade trees for thirty cents apiece and warrants them to grow. A 30cent tree will be worth $30.
in ten years.

Two men who were cutting down a tree at Gallion, Ohio found $800. in a hollow. A third man came up and claimed it. After a fight in which all got licked, the money turned out to be counterfeit.

I.M. Boon is making radical internal improvements to his property on Smith street.

What you don't know about a man often makes him respectable.
transfers:

Jacob Messer to Jacob Miller 1/3 A. Mark tap	$ 25.00
John J.Miller to Jacob Miller 30 A. Mark tap.	$ 600.00
Thomas W.Hootman to Rebecca Hootman quit c 40A.Mil	$ 500.00
Zenus Hootman to Ida M. Hootman quit c13 1/2 A.Mil	$ 500.00

News May 7, 1885

Farmer Board of education: Eli Castor, Wilson Nichols, Jeff Richardson, Frank Walden,Dr. Sager, Lafayette Conkle, Eli Lanham,
Peter Culler, Alfred Ridenouer.

Michigan letter from E.M. Bilderback.

The constitution of the Christian Association of Hicksville.

MERCHANTS and FARMER'S BANK Incorporated March 29th, 1884. Commenced business June 16th, 1884. This bank will make loans at reasonable rates ON GOOD PERSONAL SECURITY
James Casebeer, John Price, J. M. Ainsworth, Joseph Kerr, Enoch Farmer, Directors. James Casebeer President, Joseph Kerr V.Pres. F.N. Horton, Cashier.

By the recent changes in his residence on Smith Street I.M. Boon has one of the most elegant and commodious houses in town. Rooms large and airy, workmanship first class.

Chief Justice and Mrs. Waite after a brief visit to their Ohio home will sail for a three month visit in Europe.

Eleven thousand Ohio farmers own less than 10 acres each. Small farming is the most profitable.

Frank Morris store at Mark Center burned Thursday night, stock insured for $1,500, The building owned by R.F.Hecht was insured. The B&O express and ticket office was located in the store.

Ray S. Hathaway has commenced suit for $20,000 damages against the parties that tarred and feathered him.(Toledo Sunday Democrat writer) the charge: he defamed their character.

Directors of the Merchant & Farmers Bank advertise this week for bids for the contract on their new building block.

Kerr Brothers have purchased the rear of Mrs. Dixon's lot on Smith Street and erected an extensive warehouse there.

NED BISMARK- owned by F.D.DeWitt of Paulding is being worked by Frank Snyder on the fair track, he is matched to trot against DUSTER at Paulding July 17th, for $200.00 a side.

J.D. Parker was in town transacting business for a house and lot in Van Wert which he recently sold to Mr. Lehman for $ 1,100.

Hon. Richard Mott of Toledo spent last week and a portion of this with A.P. Edgerton. In 1856 Mr. Mott defeated Mr. Edgerton for Congress. Since that time they have been warm friends.

Although the subscribed money was short, Haman Emry is running the sprinkler on High Street. He has purchased a rotary pump and set it up on Mill Creek on Main near Hicksville Manufacturing & Lumber Co. which he has dammed. Horse power furnishes the energy, fills 20 barrels in eight minutes.

A.P. Edgerton has placed the News under obligation for a map of Hicksville which he has recently published. Many valuable features, the size of each lot as well as the plat number, workmanship excellent.

Jacob Garver had an unusual experience in boring a well on his farm two miles south of Bryan. At 100 feet the auger penetrated a 25 foot thick vein of clay, light french grey in color exceptionally smooth and free of grit.If ground in oil is as smooth and spreads as well as white lead, best pottery clay. At 150 feet the auger hit a thick strata of black bituminous substance which burns as readily as soft coal. At 202 feet a strong vein of water strongly impregnated with salt and oil.

News May 14, 1885

"Apostrophe to the Hazel" address of Rev. T.C.Reade ,two columns.

An ordinance to repeal an ordinance restraining animals from running at large within the Village of Hicksville passed Oct. 1877
be hereby repealed, passed May 12, 1885. James Coulter Mayor.

Defiance Daily Express, editor Cullely, has ceased; hard work, no profit, will continue Weekly. Defiance a year ago had three dailies, now none.

Frank Snyder has the young cold FRED MOREAN prop.Wm McGuire.

Local ordinance on roving cattle repeal relieves the council from responsibility; the state law takes over. No stock allowed to run at large. Any stock found on the street will be impounded after Monday.

transfers:

Addison Goodin to George Norrick	a parcel in Hix	$ 600.00
Joseph Bunnell to Francis Horton	lots 18 & 19 BB adn	400.00
Jacob Miller to John Behnfelt	40 A. Mark Twp.	1,025.00
John M. Ainsworth to Filmore Kerr & Ed Crook	parcel Hix	400.00
Enos Kimble to John W. Bare	parcel Hix Twp	2,000.00

Life is like a set of harness - there are "traces" of care, "lines" of trouble, "bits" of good fortune, "breaches" of good manners,"bridled" tongues, and everybody has a "tug" to pull through.

Prof. Merica and brother intend to open a ten week Normal school in Newville commencing in July.

George Mankins Show has taken the road. Winter quartered in Bryan.

Legislature passed a law compelling counties to pay for clothing in the insane asylums. The duty of the Co. Auditor to collect such money from friends of the insane patients, effect Feb. 15,1886.

Multi-color paints used on homes this year.

Frank Snyder has the young Colt FRED MOREAN the property of William McGuire under training for a trial against time to be trotted at Findlay May 28th. He is also handling for the fall races the LITTLE WHITE STOCKING he formerly owned. He is working CORA E,for the fall races.

The third annual commencement Hicksville schools at the Pettit Opera house. Belle Rittenouer, Carrie Brown, Jennie Otis and Kittie Meek. The program schedules: Miss Rittenouer,"Outward Bound" essay.
Miss Brown, "The Walls Must Be Weather-beaten Before They Grow Ivy"
Miss Otis, "Substance Versus Shaddow"
Miss Meek "It Will Be Pleasant To Remember These Hereafter"

News 21, May 1885

Letter from E.M. Horton, Florida.
Extoling the climate, land prospective values etc.

The so-called "horse hair snake" is a parasite of the cricket, a lady recently saw a large cricket set on the edge of a water pail and expel with effort a black mass from his abdomen into the pail where it swam.

Ackly and Steelsmith open their grocery in the Ehrhart Block opposite Ainsworth Boon &

Bevington today.

Dyarman and Cox are giving a ticket with every purchase on a side bar buggy to be given away.

The Council has leased for the term of five years 1.8 acres on the Emry farm on the Spencerville road two miles from town, paying $250 therefor. there is sufficient gravel in the back to gravel every street in Hicksville thoroughly. It is of superior quality.
transfers:

Geo. Squire to Calvin Hathaway	28 A. Milford	$ 480.00
Michael McGuire to George W. Squire	28 A. Milford	800.00
Magdalena Dickson to R.F.Kerr & E.W.Crook	a parcel	25.00
A.P.Edgerton to Daniel Rittenouer	lot 92 Edg.2nd adn	150.00
A.P.Edgerton to Merchants & Farmers Bank	part lot 216	300.00
Wm. Hart to Wm. H. Scott	180 A.Hix Twp	2,000.00

It would be a great accommodation if the Treasurer could be a few days in Hicksville during tax paying to receive taxes for this end of the County. Books might be a problem but we understand that the Paulding County Treasurer goes to Antwerp.

W.J.Kleckner has cleared ten acres of his 80 of wood land.
He hopes to have a farm out of it someday.

An indictment found against Elmer E. Harold and Brice M. Alshouse for libel (result of the Valentine and other note to
the wife of the plaintiff in Sherwood)

News May 28, 1885

Acting on scientific suggestion that neutral tints are beneficial to eyesight an enterprising publisher has just issued a book printed in dark blue ink on pale green paper.
In 1884 19,200,000 eggs were imported into the U.S.

Considering the number of meteors that fall on the earth it would not be surprising if many lives had been destroyed. Loss of life from a large fall in Africa about the year 1020, many persons and animals were killed. In 1511 about 5 P.M a priest was struck and killed, still later in 1650 a monk was killed. the only recorded cases.

Land suitable for growing corn increases in value yearly, more desirable to own than wheat land.
Law, Sec 4020 Each (school board) shall determine at a regular meeting, by affirmative vote of all it's members the studies to be pursued, and text books to be used in the schools under their control; but no textbook shall be changed nor altered for five years without consent of 3/4 of all the members of the board. All branches shall be taught in the English language and each board is authorized to purchase texts wholesale or direct from publishers, books and supplies out of the contingent fund.

Description of Memorial Day service at Fountain Chapel "Clyde"

If the saloon business is an honorable business why do the directors of the Hicksville Fair Association withhold a premium for the best product? I would suggest that a chromo be awarded to the fellow that makes the most heartaches, that takes the last dime from a starving wife and children, the fellow who will sacrifice his own family, wife, children & soul and jinx his time and talent to die dishonored and unwept, certainly should get the award.

Frank Snyder has sold CORA E to Lewis Saintliver of Ft Wayne. Mr. Snyder had bought her as a colt and trained her and while convinced that in time she will make a brilliant record on the track; when he was offered a big round sum he sold her though with regrets.

Dunakin Brothers are making brooms in the old school house opposite the Presbyterian Church.

The Hicksville cornet band assisted by the Hicksville orchestra will give a concert, strawberry and ice cream in Commercial Hall tonight. Attend and help the boys.

A Wood County man is building the largest HENERY in the World. Three stories, 35 x 60, heated by furnaces hatching incubators,
ten thousand chickens.

Ray S. Hathaway City Editor of the Toledo Sunday Democrat was tarred and feathered My 25th, by prominent citizens of Norwalk for a May 17 the article reflecting on their characters. This editor reported Hicksville scandals for the paper.

News June 11, 1885
Milford: Thomas Carey & M.M. Hootman have completed a ditch that will thoroughly drain their bottom lands.

There is in Boston what may be termed the "mind cure" epidemic being practised as a science, they have regular offices and make house calls.

a letter from Beulah, Kansas; E.J. Reish, Crawford County.

New Carriage and Wagon Shop; Foust & Pinkerton's old stand.
J. Smith.

Treasurer Dow will be in Hicksville one week commencing June 22, for the purpose of receiving taxes.

Oat meal long considered a good article of food for dyspepsia is now condemned by physicians as aggravating the disease.
Horse feed, it was never intended for human consumption.

A portable electric lamp carrying electricity for 12 hours.

Governor Hill of N.Y. signed the Niagara Park Bill. That great natural wonder will be wrested at last from the destructive utilitarianism that hides it's glories. Also from speculators who have for years exacted a exorbitant tribute from the sight seeing public. The various schemes for extorting money from the travelers challenge belief.

Farmer: Friday May 5, 1885, died Mrs. Mary Ringer, funeral Sunday, Rev. T.C. Reade.

Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson born May 17, 1818 died May 13, 1885. One of the early settlers having lived here 32 years. Lost Creek Presbyterian cem.

A letter to the editor on Bohemian Oats. By A. Wentworth.
Every man who listened to the salesman and bought, raised, then later sells will find himself in a trap. If he gets out without a loss it will be only be by catching someone else. This business has caused trouble for many. My advice is keep clear of Bohemian Oats. In conclusion I would like to tell of those who have lost money by these agents, but they refuse to let the public know the

"dupes" they have made of themselves. Therefor I am not at liberty to do so. At the meeting of Bohemian oat Association of Henry, Crawford and Williams Co. it was stormy because many small partners were voted out of the association. Called to order by Supt. Brennington of Cleveland - W.B.Lubles of Henry Co. took the chair. Attended by many farmers of Ohio Indiana and Michigan.

Some time ago an experimental road was made in Scipio Twp. Tile drains near the wagon tracks on each side of the highway at a depth of 2 and 3 feet below. This Spring when other roads were wet and muddy, this road was in excellent order. Previously would have been full of mud holes, soft and spongy.

transfers:
Benj. Keller to Katie Schinamin 240 A. Mark $ 11,000.
Thomas Galbentine to THB Correll a Hix parcel 1,100.
Esther Parker to John Blosser lot 17 in Parkers etal 225.
George K.Otis to George T Nichols quitcl.119 1/2;120 1/2 30.
Mary E Eckert to Geo.T.Nichols lots 121,122,&25/200 of the
vacated Laurence Street in Hix. 1,500.

Mr Dixon Edgerton law partner of Hon. L.C.Sawyer a St. Marys Ohio. is spending a few days in Hicksville.

The big fires of several years ago in Mark Twp. killed most of the rattlesnakes but they are on the rise again.

B & O circular # 7 favoring the establishment of manufacturing and other industries along it's line came late for 1884, but now with everything ripe for advancement it can be a great advantage. The B&O offers freight transportation at half rates on household effects and building material for dwellings or structures intended for manufacturing. Half passenger rates for workmen employed on such improvements and free transport for families and domestics. In short the B & O management will be found right up abreast of the times, quick to discern the benefits to accrue from energy and enterprise and alert in affording the fullest and heartiest cooperation.

Hicksville will celebrate the fourth in grand style after not doing so for several years. Sufficient funds raised to insure that part of it by the committees elected to take charge of affairs. A fantastic parade, wheelbarrow races, walking and running races at the Fair Grounds. Short speeches by some of Hicksville brightest speakers. Grand and expensive fire works, music by the cornet band.

transfers: Wm. Territin to Elias Bidlack 40 A. Mark twp. $ 800.

Joseph D. Kerr will open a law office Monday over H. Nelson's bakery.

Four executions for murder at the Ohio Penitentiary in July.

The Toledo Post says one source of disease is the dishcloth.
A foul dishcloth has wrapped in it the germs of more kinds of malignant diseases than all other things in the household. Breeds Cholera, Scarlet fever, Diphtheria, should be burned.

News June 18th. 1885
Farmer:

A gentleman from Iowa has been visiting Daniel Hilbert Jr.
Corn planting has commenced at last.

The Supreme Court, 3 to 2 has decided that the Scott law tax paid into the various County treasuries cannot be refunded.

Of the 14 members of the Confederate Cabinet only 5 are now living. Davis, Reagan, Toombs, Watts and Hunter. All are poor men except Toombs.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS for bids for Merchant's and Farmer's bank. Bids to be opened Monday June 23rd.

We were shown through the wagon shop of Smith & Pinkerton last week. Presently running four men all busy, if business keeps increasing will require more help. They are manufacturing a wagon all points superior to a factory wagon selling for the same money.
A truck wagon with 3 inch tires seems to be the favorite. These gentlemen occupy FOUST'S new shop on Maple St. North of Boon Bevingtons store.

transfers:

John Hopkins to Wm. Hopkins	14 A. Milford	$ 400.00
Stephen Haddix to Enoch M.Haddix	19 A. Milford	$ 550.00
C.Wesley Tannihill to David B.Miller	N12 lot 68&69	$ 800.00

Waltz and Remington Harness Shop located for present above Pettit drug.

A car load of chairs received at Central Furniture.

Market:
wheat .98; oats 35; clover seed $540; corn 35@40; butter 08;
eggs 12cents; potatoes 35@40; live hogs $3.50; beef on hoof $3 to 3.50.

Asiatic Cholera again making it's rounds.

The disappearance of forms of animal life from earth must always be regarded with concern. Apprehension that we are looking at the final struggle for existence of all the larger mammals, Elephant, Giraffe, Bison, Whale, Seal and many others. Steller's Sea Cow- a toothless vegetable eater living along shore in shallow water, often weighing 3 to 4 ton.Was seen alive and described in 1741 but in 1780 seemed to have become extinct. The creature belonged to the order SERENIA and Mr. Woodword looks upon it as the last surviving species of the great group of SIRENIANS which lived in the tertiary age of geology.

Maysville: our negro barber has white washed & papered his shop, he now has a fine shop.

Paulding has a steam fire engine but will have to gravel streets before it can be used. At a recent fire it stuck in the mud half way to the fire.

The legislature has passed a law that the third conviction of a felony shall be punished with life imprisonment.

One day last week a horse driven by Miss Lillie Patton made a dash down High Street but was stopped by Ora Gilbert who ran into the street grasping the horse by the reins while in full speed stopped it before any damage. Stopping the horse was neatly and fearlessly done.

The Ohio Legislature has recently passed a law making it obligatory for land owners to cut away brush and thistles along line fences.

The Ohio Legislature having refused to kick itself will now proceed to take itself home and be kicked by "The Wild Mobs Million Feet"

It is not generally known but Geologists say the ridge West of Bryan was once the Western shore of Lake Erie.

"Going to Hell on Wheels" is what an Illinois minister calls roller skating.

Zinc Tombstones are the latest novelty, they are cheap & durable.

The Governor of Ohio has signed a bill regulating the practice of medicine. A practitioner must secure a license from the County Clerk by filing affidavits showing graduation from a reputable Medical College. Or must present testimony showing that he has practiced in the state for ten years. The law does not apply to mid wives and is intended to wipe out quacks.

What prompts men away along in years to break up their homes to emigrate to a wild and uncivilized country? (an earlier letter cited that they c could keep their family together as their sons moved west to land they could afford).

A current item indicates that a "timber claim" purchased for $40.00 is worth $1,600.00 now.

News June 25, 1885

A.P. Edgerton's address to the school board and graduating class of the Central Grammar school, made at the temple Friday evening. Journal. Gazette.

Everybody desires to read the utterances of a man of breeding. I am a friend of the public school system advocate and support it as the best system of Public Education established by people who believe in their inherent right to govern themselves.......The reason of people made this Government, the reason of the people will sustain it.To encourage school and to obtain the means of universal free education, the public school system was devised, based on the idea that the wealth of the Country which labor alone produced should be taxed to educate those who produce and protect it......Universal taxation for education carries the universal right to the benefits derived from it.....

Some say the public school system takes away parental direction and control in all matters of education, that is they would have some power within the public schools superior to the law of the state. Those who make this objection fail to see that the public schools are established for every body of whatever race, condition, color or belief for the general diffusion of knowledge.....

But I can see there is no mystery in the fact that the day will never come in this country when those with taxable property will be permitted to escape taxation for the universal education which the state shall declare necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind. Because they in furtherance of some church dogma voluntarily contribute toward a restrictive education of a part of the whole people.....

To the students habits, gum chewing deforms the face divine bereft of beauty. You who are just entering into a world full of deceit and falsehood, where few persons or things appear in their true character; vice hides her deformity with the borrowed garb of Virtue and you must watch warily that you walk not in her ways. You have attained only a small degree of the knowledge necessary to begin life's work. Graduation does not alone assure growth and success here after. What ever your calling the instant you cease to grow you begin to die, try to add something everyday to your knowledge. If you strive to make every day of your lives a remembered day because of some good work accomplished, a kindness bestowed, then your life will be a success.

It is my hope that every day of your lives may be an improving one, each hour crowded with abounding success and happiness, so that the sweet memories of the past may blend with the bright hopes of the future, and thus make the end of your lives a joy here with the assurance of a peaceful and endless hereafter.

President Cleveland has given the political bosses pretty hard raps in appointing men to office of his own choosing over those recommended. He takes pleasure in letting the bosses know who is president.

It is generally conceded that the past generation was more successful in a strictly financial way. Our fathers were the money makers.

Waltz & Remington moved their harness shop to Commercial Block.

Ainsworth Boon and Bevington averaged purchase of over 4,000 pounds of wool a day last week.

George K. Otis has roofed the court between the Love building and the barber shop. G.O Coburn will occupy as an ice cream parlor.

A.P. Edgerton's office will be removed to the orchard opposite his residence, where it stood years ago.

James C. Coulter Esq. has invested in a fine piece of horse flesh, it has become fashionable for Attorneys to have fast horses. Mr. Coulter is not to be left behind his brethren.
transfers:

Samuel Kinsey to F.M.Thompson	lot 54 1st. addn.	$ 600.00
Benj. Patton to John Collins	20 A. Hix twp.	500.00

Treasurer Dove has been receiving taxes in Hicksville and a great many have availed themselves of the opportunity. But very little taxes have been paid, the greater number paying from the country. About half the property in Hicksville has gone delinquent. It's a study why anyone would go delinquent with a 15% penalty when they could borrow the money at 6 or 8% and pay the same.

Vanimmons, a widower of Mark Center sometime ago accompanied a young man 20 years of age named Crow to Michigan. The next day Vanimmons returned, took his children and made for parts unknown. Crow had had $500. with him, Vanimmons paid train fare with a bill that was known to be in Crow's possession (murder!).
Popular fallacies of the 17 year locust, they do little damage.

Experienced lumber men have always said that timber cut in the spring was not durable for building purposes. Recent scientific investigation sustain the belief. The richer the wood is in phosphoric acid and potassium the more likely it is to rot and mold. Wood cut in the spring contains eight times as much of the former and five times as much as the latter as when cut in the winter.

George Holton of Mark is the possessor of a natural gas well located on the grounds of his factory. but like the fellow who drew an elephant in a lottery, he doesn't know what to do with it. He employed men to drill for water for his boiler, they struck two veins inadequate in flow, went down to 100 feet, the water began to "boil" in quantity with a rumbling noise. Not til they had attached a pump did it fail as the gas kept the lower valve open. A match was struck and a blaze shot up 5 feet, Mr. Holton has plugged the well.

Fourth of July $50.00 purse on horse race, fine fireworks, wheel barrow and sack races, $3.00 divided 1st,2nd and 3rd.
Three gaited mile race. 1st half mile walk, 3rd quarter trot, and last quarter run. purse $14.00 divided 1st. 2nd.& 3rd..No fee.
Nothing to go that has ever been on the track.
Foot race, string measure 5 on a side 1/2 mile, purse $5.00 to winning side. Slow race, slowest running horse gets the prize
Changing riders, purse $10.00, 1st, 2nd. 3rd..
Foot race go as you please two miles. purse $7.00. 1st. 2nd.3rd.
Other good races being arranged.

News July 2.1885

Letter from Village of Walton, Kansas; C.D. Bale.
Buckeye neighbors decided to have a reunion of those living here who were old friends and neighbors in Defiance and Williams Counties.

The company assembled at the residence of Wesley Walden in Walton, Harvey Co. Thirty-five adults responded all from the two counties with two exceptions. Grandmother Ayers, became a resident of Defiance Co. 1849 moved to Pioneer in 1865, to Kansas in 1872. She, Rev. Wasehan and wife,(Angie Ayers),and child, Dexter Case,and wife (Amelia Ayers) and three children, Miss Orpha Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sisco and daughter Della, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Walden, daughter Rena and Son Elton and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walden, Mr. and Mrs. George Powell and three children.

Dr. Ensign and wife and son Oren who has been a resident of Arizona 12 years, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ames and daughters Minnie & Laura, Mrs. Mary Biglow, Mrs. H.M. Walt and two children and the writer C.D. Bale (+ poem).

Bowman and Wolford have just burned their first kiln of tile for the season. (Farmer Center)

There seems no good reason for selling eggs by the dozen, should be by the pound. There is a 20 to 30% difference in the weight of eggs.

The Head Man of the Bohemian Oats scheme has been arrested!

Time has come when the young boys of Hicksville should have a park. Several reasons: 1. their parents would know where they were part of the time at least, 2. should have a stream or pond in which to "skinny dip".

Remember water can be cooled as well by putting the ice around it rather than in. If there are disease germs in it they will be kept out of the water.

The Antwerp Argus will have to start a "finger" column or the Gay Bucket factory will have to quit cutting off a finger or two every week. At the present rate Antwerp men will soon be organ grinders.

The Argus wants a bank at that place.

The latest theory about Bright's Disease and other afflictions of the kidneys are due to the immoderate use of ice water and other chilled beverages. Soda fountains and other iced sources shock the heated organs.

George Taylor has been granted a patent on a tile drain scoop. He sold half of his interest to Geo.F.Knight who will market it in the fall.

Squire Forlow's court now in Central Block above Otis Fisher & Evans. He moved his office from the Lehman Block.

A ten cent dance, afternoon & evening of the Fourth, Commercial Hall music by Martin"s Orchestra.

Post Office open til 3 P.M. July 4th. Closed the rest of the day.

The Indians signal to plant corn was when the leaves of the hickory and butternut were the size of a squirrel's ears.

Paulding County Pioneers meet at the Court House Aug.13.1885.

One dollar will buy as much today as: $1.50 in 1875; $1.32 in'55; 91 cents in '45; or $1.19 in 1825.

transfers:

John C.Miller to Isaac S.Miller quit claim parcel $ 350.
Samuel B.Miller to Isaac Miller quit c lot 49 Edg.2nd 81.
A.P.Edgerton to Benj. Davis A. Auditors Plat 3,000.

The next thing we want is the steam plow. It will surely come and we will wonder how we got along without it. The farmers will not own the steam plow but have the work done by the acre, as wheat is threshed. Joseph Harris in the American Agriculturist.

July 9, 1885

A letter from Idaho Springs, Colorado. D.J. Coy.

Baking Powder tramps - danger to public health. Sellers of the worst are going house to house. Be safe, be wise, use ROYAL BAKING POWDER.

The Artichoke is becoming a favorite with pork raisers in Arizona. Hardy, very productive, no cultivation required, possesses remarkable fattening qualities. The large white sweet will produce 15,000 pounds to the acre, which furnishes feed for 25 to 50 head of hogs for three months After one year's growth the seed can not be eradicated from the soil.

There is growing suspicion that the festive mosquito is responsible for many diseases humanity is heir to. The question is how to quarantine the mosquito.

The mountains of Kentucky are virtually under the control of 3 or 4 factions of lawless men. Soldiers who marched through the region can understand how these feuds exist.

I.A. Gingery has produced a miniature park in his show windows, below the Pettit Opera House. (Corner of Main and High)

Horse shoe alley is more popular than any thoroughfare in Hicksville. It is located between the Central Block and the Love building. The merry clink of the horse shoe can be heard all day, weather permitting.
transfers:
Albert Platt to James W. Seever quit claim Milford $ 100.
Johnathon Miller to Henry Miller 18 A Milford 900.
Wm. Lash to Henry Lash 30 A Hix. Twp. 1,500.
Michael Warner to Washington A.Smith lot 5 Warner Hart addn.
E.W. Crook to Joseph D.Kerr 20x80 feet of W.side 213 orig. p350 .

The Fourth of July a great success, grocers stand sold out before night.

OLD TRIBULATION that is the most appropriate name for the old cannon. Considering that it has in the past been at the bottom of a well for some time, has been spiked on several occasions, and for the last ten years has had no carriage but must needs be moved from place to place on a wheel barrow, was belching forth it's greeting at early A.M.

Pettit's Drug Store broken in twice by burglars, now comes an anvil. When exploded it broke in four pieces, going in all directions, a piece weighing twenty pounds passed through the plate glass window on the west side breaking a chandelier and hitting shelving on the far wall. No one injured.

The fire works were the best ever in Hicksville, took three hours to exhaust the supply. Frank E.Forlow makes a good president.

LOST a purse containing a note for $40.00 against Alfred Ginter.

The last bank failure in China was in 1742 B.C. Chinese are wise and so are the bankers, Death would result from mismanagement.

News July 16,1885

The only female made an orderly Sergeant in the U.S. army during the late war was Miss Theresa Kelly, now a resident of Cleveland.

Southern papers are commenting on the fact that an evangelist preached in Nashville for 16 minutes and raised $21,000.
May be used as an argument for short sermons.

Latest thing in land grabbing, a couple separates, divorces, file for land and forest claims as individuals, later reconcile and have double claims.

Several live specimens of a queer little Australian animal, the creature forms a perfect link between birds and mammals. Looks like a beaver but has scales rather than fur on it's back in place of scales on it's tail it has hair, It lays eggs like a bird but suckles it's young.

Navigable waters of the Ohio Canal System aggregate 775 miles. Cost $15,967,250. abandoned portions, 50 miles. Miami and Erie, Cin-cinnati to Toledo 264 miles, Sidney feeder 14 miles, St. Mary's feeder 11 miles reaching Celina. Indiana branch 18 miles, Junction to the state line. Making 189 miles of navigable canal.

The Miami and Erie with reservoirs, feeders, lots and lands cost $8,062,680

The Ohio canal from Portsmouth to Cleveland 309 miles, 19 navigable feeders originally was 334, cost $4,695,203.

The Sandy and Beaver canal from Bolivar on the Ohio canal a distance of 3 miles to a dam on Sandy Creek thence 3 miles

Walhonding canal connects with the Ohio at Roscoe and extends to Rochester a distance of 25 miles. Cost $ 607,268.

The Hocking originally from Caroll on the Ohio Canal to within 2 miles of Athens, 56 miles. Ten or twelve years ago 14 miles of that portion beyond Nelsonville was abandoned, the land reverted to owners. Soon after the Hocking Valley R.R. got possession of it the canal now extends 1 mile beyond Nelsonville and barely taps the coal fields. The Hocking cost $975,481.

The Muskingdom improvement, a series of dams and approaches, Marrietta to Zanesville connected to the Ohio canal at Dresden.
91 miles $1,627,018

Myron Schell is the happiest man in town, a GIRL.

Dixon Edgerton delivered the Fourth of July address at St.Marys.

The fine maple tree that stood in front of the old bank building was moved to A.P.Edgerton's yard. He had to pay the party that moved it $50.00. if it lives, nothing if it dies. It looks at present as if the tree will not live.

Hon. A.P Edgerton's building has been moved to a newlocation, (the orchard across from his home) and work of excavating the cellar for the new bank building has commenced. A.S. Mc Cherry and Son of Defiance have the contract of putting up the bank. John S. Deamen has contracted the brick and stone work.

Every incorporated town should have some public work, as breaking stone, sawing wood etc. When the professional tourist makes his triumphal entry into town he can be introduced to the stone pile to earn a square meal..

transfers:

Alexander Bevington to Simonis Koch	part lot 98	$ 425.
Alfred Edgerton to Chrisopher C.Lehman	1 A. Hix Twp.	178.
Alvero Smith to Almira J.Wincomplee	20 A. Mark Twp.	700.

July 23,1885

a letter from Saratoga from F.V. Irish. 1/2 column.

Ohio State's Teacher's Association, Chautauqua, and attended services on the summit of Mt. Gregor.

John C. Fremont a hale and hearty man of 72 says, he camped where Chicago is, where Minneapolis is and where Salt Lake City is, before the first inhabitants put up a cabin.

The future of the negro. Twenty years ago there were in the south less than four million negroes, now seven million. At the present rate of increase. in 1900 there will be more negro than whites in the south and in 1983 there will be 192,000,000 negro and only 96,000,000 whites. Dr. Allen argued that negros doubled every twenty years, white every thirty-five. An appalling picture of the future is drawn because of illiteracy of the blacks which with their increase would hand them the political power. First of the southern states then the nation. The census may be imperfect, but it is true there are too many southern blacks and whites growing up in ignorance. 17% of our population cannot read or write.

Sheriff Wonderly at the insistence of the family of John A. Crow, retraced the path of the young man to Avilla. Then heard of a body found along the stream near Big Rapids. Clothing had been washed and saved by the local sheriff that was identified by the family. Sheriff Wonderly had with him a piece of material Mrs. Crow had used to patch pantaloons, a perfect match. His head was crushed and the stone with which the deed was done near by.

Occupants of the Lehman building were horrified to discover that they had been drinking water from a well occupied by a rat.
The word "rat" works on them like an emetic now.

At Paulding last Friday "Ned Bismark" was beaten by "Duster".The two Paulding horses trotted against each other for $100. Considerable money changed hands.

In Defiance Co. there were 32 suits for divorce, 25 granted..

Al Crowl had the contract for excavating the bank cellar, and did it in quick time. Many availed themselves of the dirt at 25 cents.
Washington Hart of St.Joe furnishes the brick for the building.
transfers:

David Kerr to John W. Foust	35 A. Milford	$ 1,500.
D L Fryer to Joseph Foulton	40 A. Mark	500.
Katie Sheneman to Benedictus Rupp	240 A. Mark	8,200.
Harmon Hidney to Frances Plumpo	lot 42 Kyle Anderson Mark	

Henry Gruber born in Northumberland Co.Penn. Dec.22 1803, Lutheran, married Leah Metzger April 25, 1833, eight children, 5 living. One of the first settlers of Springfield Twp.Allen Co. Ind. located 45 years ago, burial in the Hicksville cemetery.

We are sorry to announce the closing of the B.S. Pettit drug store. In building the opera house he incurred such a load of liabilities that he found he would be unable to pull through and has disposed of his stock. He has built up a big trade, won the confidence and esteem of the people. After an invoice is taken it will be known who his successor may be. Liabilities $12,000.00.

News July 30,1885

General Grant's remains will be buried in Central Park.

Progress of Prohibition:

Five states have prohibitory laws: Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Iowa and Kansas. Constitutional amendments defeated in Missouri, Michigan, Texas, W. Virginia and New Jersey. Schools of Maine, Mass, Penn, Alabama, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Oregon and Nevada are instructing students about the evil effects of alcohol.
In addition to the five states that have general laws, twenty have legal option laws permitting municipalities to vote to prohibit or license sale of liquor.

In St. Louis 250 saloons closed with the new law. There is a heavy decrease in the number of distilleries in the country.

A saying of ex-senator Thurmon of Ohio. "it matters not whether President Cleveland's administration be popular or not so long as it is honest and right"

Williams Center: The mortgage on the Town Hall held by John Mannon has been closed and will be sold at Sheriff's sale. Will be purchased no doubt by one of our citizens.

Sherwood; A new tile mill is being put up, don't know the name of the operators.

Last Sunday while six year old son of Wm. Cleland was climbing to the hay mow he fell breaking his leg above the knee.

transfers:

Martin Close to John J.Close quit claim 40 A.Milford $ 200.
Enos Kimble to Davie Bricker 2 A.Hix 3,100.

A quarter century ago men's dress goods would be impossible to sell now, the quality of material and finish, heavy in weight, blue and black broadcloth tricots, satinets and cottonades were in chief demand. But a few imported goods worn excepting fine broadcloth and beavers. Summer principally confined to brown linens. Custom made suits by hand $30 to $40 particular attention paid to linings, of times handsomely quilted with flowers.

News Aug. 6, 1885

A Chicago paper not usually devoted to the study of theology has devoted enough attention to the subject to come to the following conclusion: There are sects that believe God is too good to damn them. There are others which believe that they are too good for God to damn them. There are still others which believe all they are good for is to be damned.

A Prediction, the Panama Canal which was to be completed in 1888 at a cost of $120,000,000 would not be finished in ten years with the present rate of excavation. More than 100,000,000 probable that if the canal is ever finished it will be after an outlay of $450,000,000. Also it is predicted that when M. de Lessups dies the whole scheme will collapse.

Florida residents avoid the mosquito nuisance by putting oil on ponds which prevent them from hatching.

Ex-governor Foster gives his opinion that the depression will last a year longer. Congress will do little until the question of the tariff is settled.

The world is asked to contribute $60,000 for the repair of the old church where Shakespeare's bones are buried.

Work has been resumed again on the Thompson ditch.

The school board of Milford Twp. bought a set of cubical blocks and writing charts for each district, but they refused to buy the beautiful and useful globe.

A.M Ziegler came within two inches of killing a guest in his room on the second floor of the Swilley House. He was pursuing a squirrel with a revolver. There is an ordinance against firing a gun in town.

The children thought to be of Sam. Vanimmons formerly of Mark were found dead in Chicago. It was he that left with Crowe whose body was found in Michigan. The children poisoned. Sam. has not yet been found.

The annual meeting of the Old Settlers will be held on the third day of Sept. at 10 A.M. at the Fair Grounds.

transfers:

Rinehold Hecht to Isaac Haver parcel in Mark Twp. $ 140.
John Rhodes to R.T.Hecht a tract in Mark Twp 1,450.
A.P.Edgerton to Elizabeth Bilderback lot 17,Edg.3rd, 100.
Joseph Bunnel to George W.Scott lot 36 Bun,B.Bev adn. 175.
Enos Kimble to David Bricker lot 132 Hix. 31.

Married July 28, 1885, Miss Mary E. Sinn B.F.Kinmont, by Rev. Reade at the home of the bride's parents in Milford.

In the yard beneath an evergreen arch, Miss Ella Sinn and I.B.Moore. The bridesmaid and groomsman to Hicksville and the 11 o'clock train for Chicago. From there to their home in Michigan, where Mr. Kinmount is a druggist.

News Aug. 13, 1885

Who cares to visit Niagara now that a near view of that wonder can be had without cost? The attractiveness of scheming to beat back drivers and various breeds of sharpers that made a business of cheating tourists is lost, A part of the charm of Niagara.

Fur made from feathers equal or superior to genuine fur. Used for borders of ladies cloaks and dresses, even seal skin coats imitated.

Ohio has lost the little cabin at Point Pleasant that sheltered Grant and his parents at the time of his birth. The owner Mr. Hirsh offered it for $300. land and all. A New York furniture maker paid $7,000. will be shipped to New York. Cincinnati would have paid $10,000 but was too slow.

Frederick Countryman has caught several red birds, one is a charming singer.

Farmer: A new store has been opened in the Allen Block.

Eldridge and Nelson's feed store a great convenience to the town, a peck or larger amount. Also keep a feed yard where farmers can leave their teams, fed and cared for by paying a dime..

One hundred bushels of Boheminan Oats were shipped, 65 cents bushel.

On a recent visit to Paulding, E. Coulter and Rev. J Wesner made a careful examination of their new school. It cost $22,000, they pronounce it the finest in this part of Ohio.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton is greatly improving the appearance of his office in it's new location. A fence in front and a new walk, the walk is laid in wood ashes both to keep the rats out and to preserve the wood.

Vanimmons was suspected of poisoning his wife a year or so ago.

Fences are coming down in front of homes of Lou. Ferris, William Delhauer and the M.E. Parsonage. The time will come when fences will come down or not be built, expensive and unsightly.

There will be a camp meeting in the grove on Ensly Ave. between Auburn Junction and Auburn. Begins Aug. 20 continuing for 10 days. There are reduced rates on all R.R.s. Able speakers of different denominations in a beautiful grove of natural trees.

The school board has given a contract for the erection of a one story 25x32 frame building room to be located East of the present building. Contractor Adin J Johnson took the job for $375.00.

transfers:

Wesly Batchelor to Addison Goodin lot 115 Auditor plat	$ 500.
Addison Goodin to George Norrick 8 1/2 A. Hlx Twp	577.50
Addison Goodin to George Mayberry 8 1/2 A.Hix Twp.	577.50
Michael McGuire to Xaver Miller 60 A. Milf.80 St. Joe	9,725.00
Solomon Rex to Martha J.Rhodes lot 54 Kyle Anderson Mark	35.00

Editor: Time for the annual Fair. anxiety to management. Hicksville Fair knows no failure. When bills are posted you will find we have all that could be expected.

News Aug. 20, 1885

The man who discovered gold in California, James W. Marshall is dead. The victim of sore disappointment and gnawing poverty. Not many lives are there in this world that show a more fitting example of "man's inhumanity to man".

The cattlemen want one year to move their cattle from Indian Territory. An exchange thinks that if they were invited to move onto Indian reservation it woudn't take them half of 40 days to cover the fresh pastures with their herds.

Nearly 50 years ago Henry Ward Beecher preached his first sermon in a little meeting house in Batavia, Ohio. He was considered an awkward boyish bashful young man giving little promise of becoming the most profound thinker and foremost orator of his time.

The report of Gen. Sheridan of the trouble in Indian Territory which threatened a great Indian war was due to direct violation of law committed or connived by Government officials in allowing cattle men to get possession of Indian land. They should go. Public safety demands it.

Bureau of statistics: During the year ending June 3, 1885 exports increased 7 million. imports fell 80 million, coffee imports 522 million pounds,10 pound per person.Import of sugar 2.4 million pounds, cost 27 million less than last year. Saccharine matter has affected. Silk importation 35 million, cotton goods 20 million. Although we raise cotton for the world we are not on top in it's manufacture.

Williams Center:

The old hall through mortgage and Sheriff's sale has become the property of a private party. If it is to be removed it is hoped public spirited citizens will rescue it for the good of the general public.

C.O. Tomlinson, Frank Poole, E.E. Herrold and perhaps others will attend Fayette Normal School. Mr. Squire and family will move there to conduct a boarding house and afford educational advantages to younger members of their family.

Farmer Center:

The following will take up abode at Fayette Normal Sept. 1st.
Wm. P. Richardson, Charles V. Richardson, Walter M. Battershell, Willard Chapman, Wm. Ridenouer, Sarah Bowers, Lulie Miller, Howard Farmer, Mattie Ensign, Loma Ridenouer, Celia Case, Sadie Rogers and Ella Rogers.

Tom Wight and Bill Carpenter were engineering Dry Creek Ditch and laterals when completed will make Farmer an excellent system of drainage.

There are probably 200 skilled mechanics out of work in Defiance. Twice that number of willing laborers with nothing to do. 25 hard working men were seen sitting on the bank corner, each waiting for job. Not loafers they need and want work, what will they do?
The prospect is not cheering.

An exchange took place last week in which R.F.Kerr traded his interest in the Hicksville Flouring Mills and E.W.Crook residence on Cornelia St. to T.W. Kerr for his saw mill and trunk slat factory.

John W. Wright has been making preparations all winter for the manufacture of Family Yeast, he has placed his yeast on the market.
A baker by trade, he has observed what gives the best satisfaction. His machinery of his design makes the product the cheapest yeast in the market 8 cakes for 5 cents. Quality guaranteed-all grocers sell it.

The B&O is moving all of it's car shops west of the Ohio River to Garret. A Building 300 feet long 155 feet wide will be erected besides others required to contain the machinery. Chief cause is the scarcity of timber in the east. Will greatly benefit Garret.

Charles Bassett has moved his jewelry store to the room occupied by Pettit's Drug Store. A portion of one side of which has been fitted up for him.

The Big Ditch running through Farmer, Mark, Delaware, Washington, Noble and Tiffin Twp. will be 35 miles long.

News Aug. 27, 1885

Many parts of the earth once cultivated are returning to nature. In our own country Nottoway Co.Va. is such a locality.

Where the first settlers landed, plantations that once yielded abundantly of tobacco, and corn, deer now roam over woods, the same in England. No labor will make some of these farms profitable in competition to farms farther west. As our population increases maybe these farms will once more be cultivated.

Mrs. Frederick Countryman and Mrs. Peter Countryman are spending a week with friends in Ashland, Ohio.

Among many interesting things at the inventors exhibition in London is a tricycle propelled by a gaseous mixture of petroleum and compressed air. Speed from ten to fifteen mph.The hurrying man of the future will not have to wait for a train.

The familiar poem "The Old Oaken Bucket" was written by Samuel Woodworth in 1819 just after he had drunk water from a bucket at a well in Cromwell Conneticut. The well located on the premises of the late Capt. James Riley; the Poet taught District School on Prospect Hill there.

Passage of laws in various states to limit the hiring of youth before 16, will permit their education and solve the labor problem.

The medical record shows that the number of Union soldiers killed in battle during the war to be 67,030, or 2.88 percent of the whole number enlisted. Died from wounds, 43,000 or 1.85 percent. totaling 110,000 or 4.37 percent. Deaths from disease 224,586 or 6.68 percent, twice as many. The average annual death rate in time of peace nearly as great as from violence during the war.

Our own notion is that small farms well cultivated are almost in-variabily the most profitable. Hence we firmly believe that if many farmers would sell half of the acres he now occupies and poorly tills and manages, and devotes his entire time and energies to the care and cultivation of the remainder, he would derive more profit from his labor and investment. Too many farmers are "land poor".

Supt Graves has been authorized to build three new telephone lines: one from Hicksville to Defiance; another Bryan to Defiance; and another Defiance to Paulding. Bryan is anxious to have a Hicksville line built to that place rather than Defiance.This would isolate Sherwood and Mark Center but their citizens do not seem disposed to render assistance in guaranteed patronage. Unless something is speedily done they will loose the line.

The Panorama of the "Battle of Shilo" is the latest attraction in Chicago. It is in addition to the popular "Battle of Gettysburg" there.

One feature of the Fair will be a 5 mile horse race by ladies.

Edgerton officials moved into their Town Hall, cost $8,000.
When is Hicksville going to build such a hall?

The Night Owl Club went out serenading last week.

Cards are out for the marriage of Frank L Forlow and Miss Ida M. Harmony of Joplin, Mo. The ceremony to be solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Sep. 16th.

Howell's annual Niagara Falls and Lake Chautauqua excursion, leave Hicksville Tuesday Sep 8, at 2:23 P.M.; arrive Niagara Falls the next morning at 7 o'clock. Returning leave the Falls Sep 10 at 7:30 A.M. arrive Cleveland at 2 P.M. remain til 5 P.M. connect at Fostoria with the B&O at 7:51 P.M. arriving Alida soon after midnight. Ticket good returning from Buffalo on all reg. Nickle Plate and B&O trains, making stops until Monday Sep 14th.
Fare for round trip $5.75.

Re opening services of the remodeled M.E. Church, August 23rd. Rev. David Rutledge, D.D. of Delaware, Ohio. The expense, $1,500 on the church and $250 on the parsonage, an old debt of $600. The congregation would be asked for making the church out of debt. The $500 was quickly raised by the congregation, a subscription started for a bell, $125. of the amount was raised. It is sealed throughout with native wood, ornamented with pilasters and brackets, new beau-tiful seats, furnace heated, raised platform for the choir, pulpit adorned with a beautiful velvet cover crowned with an elegant new bible.

John H. Sindle to Wm. J. Bryan, 81 A. Mark Twp. $1,700.
F.M.Thompson to Geo.K.Otis 23 ft.of lot 217 org.P $7,000.
Alexander Bevington to Isaac Hilbert part.lot 9 . 450.
Elizabeth Jane Graves to Isaac Hilbert40 A.Hix Twp. $2,100.

In Salem Mass. six men and two horses moved a brick factory chimney 90 feet high, six and a half feet in diameter a distance
of 100 feet and set it on a new foundation.

News Sept.3, 1885

Shortly before he died, Darwin the eminent naturalist shocked the world by a treatise on the vast importance of earth worms to the human race. The fertility of our soil is due to the labors of this downtrodden creature.

Milford:

Those concerned in the construction of a township ditch north of the Vanimmon school house commencing near the St.Joe river and running north east about two miles, commenced operation Monday.

J.W. Hootman and Willis Countryman took in the sights of Fort Wayne Monday. James Heller harvested 40 bu. wheat from 2 bu. of Pool variety.

Williams Center:

W.H. Lane ran across a man and boy in his corn field a few days since. Not satisfied with the reasons given Mr. Lane took their back track, the way they wandered they must have been lost or seeking a melon patch.

Annual Sunday School Convention a Fair Grounds last Saturday. There were four schools in attendance. For the ensuing year John A Hootman, Pres. Amos Forlow, V.Pres. B.S. Pettit Sec. Amos Miller Treas. THB Correll Marshal.

The Spiritualist Meeting this year was most successful of all, five to six thousand people..

Last Monday while Samuel Grill was threshing wheat for Peter Repps in Springfield Twp. a spark from the threshing engine set the wheat stack on fire, lost 200 bushels of wheat.

Work on the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank delayed waiting for the iron castings used in it's construction.

Daniel Wentworth reports that the black birds have reduced the hosts of grasshopper in time to prevent their depositing of eggs, cutting short the supply of grasshoppers for next year.

Tuesday morning, six dogs with legs skyward. Dog poisoner abroad.

A reader wonders if the mothers whose daughters were at the cemetery after night fall with young men, knew where they were. It is the parent's fault in many cases that their daughters go wrong. Mothers watch your girls, too many of them need watching.

A colored camp meeting at the fair ground commencing Sep. 5th.

Last Monday night thieves entered the stable of C.C.Keener putting the harness on a horse, hitched it to a buggy and drove off. Value $200. Keep your stables locked!

transfers:

Harriett Smith to Elizabeth Hartzler W1/4&E1/2 lot 40 1st ad	$ 850.
Amos Steelsmith to Jacob lot 24 Hattery adn.	200.
Azariah Hattery to Amos Steelsmith lot 24 Hattery adn.	200.
John Berger to Francis M.Thompson lot 33 Edg 1st adn.	90.

Editor: We were shown through Anchor Roller Flouring Mills, Messrs Bruce Bricker, and Bare waited patiently to show us what milling would do in the future. They described the equipment and the process.

News Sep. 10, 1885

The coming Fair, it is the mechanic's Jubilee! The farmers and business man's in short it is every one's Jubilee. Will be the grandest and largest Fair in North West Ohio. Gather from your fields your standard and new varieties and bunch them together for a display. With W.H.Harter as Pres. and L.E.Griffin as Sec. an active committee and wide awake board. Band contest and trotting classes 3 & 4. The Five Mile Race by six thorough bred horses with lady riders. Trotting classes 5 & 6 and running class 7 for Friday one who attends can not fail to be amused and instructed.

In 1790 a trifle more than 3% of people lived in cities or towns.

Cicero:

The Maxwell Brothers, Frank and Harvey claim to be enough for Fort Wayne on a "glass ball shoot". They carried away their share of the slate from a recent match. That's right, don't let Ft. Wayne down Hix.

Among the curiosities on exhibition in the old settler's cabin were several we hadn't heretofore mentioned. An Indian whip picked up in the Umatiilla Indian Reservation in Oregon, sent to Jehiel Kelley, A watch of German make has been in the Nelson family for 85 years, running that day, by Hugh Nelson. A flint lock single barreled pistol picked up in the mountains of Virginia 75 years ago by Who Reeder.

A clock very old formerly of John Wise running in good order, by G.O. Coburn.

The dog ELI at Ainsworth Boon Bevington store was wearing deep mourning last week in respect to the memory of his brother BEN, Lewis Hirsch' dog which was poisoned last week.

It is pleasant to note the interest in the old settler's meeting. Owing to professional duties Dr. Rakestraw resigned, Rev N. Crary was elected to fill the vacancy.

Whitney Company is returning to Hicksville for their show next Monday evening Sep. 14th. Their tent will accommodate 1,200 people and will be located in Hon. A.P.Edgerton's field opposite the M.E. Church. The contortion and acrobatic feats by Locke and Long and the Lesters were excellent. The performance by the Juvenile Gymnasts was truly wonderful according to the Fenton, Mich. Independent.

Last Sunday A.M., Frank Hixson son of Dr. Hicson in the woods in pursuit of game his eye was attracted to movement in a tree thickly entwined with grape leaves. He up with his gun and fired, when to his amazement the "squirrel turned out to be the hand of John Fultz an Antwerp resident picking grapes. He came down from the tree with shot in his hand and body and a few in his face. The shot was removed and the wound dressed by Dr. Hixson.

transfer:

Alfred P.Edgerton to Wm. E. Welker a parcel	$ 963.
Christof C.Lehman to S.B.Kring a parcel Hix Twp	1,800.

The word mortgage is said to be derived from French words meaning "death grip".

Over $3,000 of Indian medicines sold while the Indians were encamped in Defiance.

Sept. 17th. 1885

A curious swindle unearthed in Texas. Consisted of the sale of printed copies of a letter purportedly written by Christ; found hidden beneath a stone on Calvary, sold as a preventative of disease.

Craze among the ladies, short hair. It was considered "fast" for a woman to cut her hair, but now since Miss Cleveland the President"s sister, mistress of the White House - first lady, wears her locks shorn quite short, advocates of the custom on the grounds of convenience, comfort and health, it has become the style.

Germany keeps her place at the head of other nations because of superior intelligence of her people. Illiteracy is less than any other country. All young men impressed in here armies grade higher in intelligence and education. In some provinces such as Wurtemburg not an uneducated person could be found. 17 % of our population is illiterate. 30,409 books and maps published in Germany to our 7,569. Those published here stories and romances, there Scientific and Philosophical. The expansion of German Power in Colonies and Commerce is because of greater mental activity developed by education. German military system would be very unpopular here but the training has done wonders for the German character. How to command and obey. The German race has been wonderfully improved by education and soldiery virtues, due to discipline of the barrack and the camp. Demorest's Weekly.

News Sep. 17, 1885

Fountain Chapel Corners:

Clear the track, Joseph Clark cometh with a trotter that leaves MAUD "S" far behind. He will be at Hicksville during the fair.

A horrible accident at the farm of B.F. Lord, 3 miles from Farmer Center Monday morning about 10 A.M. in which two men were killed instantly and several injured. Eli Castor was threshing Mr. Lord's wheat, a hundred bushel had been threshed and the machine stopped for a few minutes. Orders had been given for the engine to be started and men were near the engine for that purpose when the boiler gave away. Castor standing on the feed board of the thresher was found wedged between it and the engine. The engine was old, considerable repairing done, pro-nounced safe by the mechanic repairing it. The boiler didn't explode, rather the fire box blew out.

The escaping steam drove the head of the fire box in one direction while the engine took an opposite direction through the barn where it struck a beam hurling it against the separator crushing Castor to death. His hired man, Wesley Hennes was standing in the barn but was found near the straw stack. Head and face crushed etc. the front truck of the engine laying over him. Several other men were thrown from the barn but uninjured. The separator was forced from the barn where it stood to the straw stack. One wheel of the engine truck was found in the gable end of the barn in the hay mow. Orville Beerbower who was cutting bands had his wrist injured, George Castor was struck in the head but his injuries will not prove serious. Fifteen persons were near the machine, it is fortunate so many escaped.

Castor who lived in Farmer Twp. had followed threshing a greater part of his life, leaves very little property. Twenty acres of land, and threshing outfit, an encumbrance on the farm of $400.00 to support a wife and nine children.

Wesley Henness lived at Georgetown, aged about 40, leaves a wife and five children. A poor man dependent on daily wages. Indebted for the facts to A.G.Cronk an eyewitness.

An Indiana farmer thus itemizes the cost of growing an acre of wheat. Use of ground,$5.00 per A. plowing $1.50, cultivating and harrowing 3 times, 70 cents, seed $1.10, drilling and use of drill 60 cents, marketing 70 cents and 60 cents interest on money used.

A yield of 20 bushels to A. & reasonable distance from market.

Rev. Crary preached the funeral sermon of Edwin Shoub, killed by a threshing machine. Feeding the machine and in an attempt to step over the cylinder his legs were caught and fearfully mangled as well as his right arm and side. It was necessary to take the machine apart to extricate the body. Age 31, wife and two children.

The Hicksville Prohibition Club invites Republicans and Democrats who believe in taxation or license of the liquor traffic to meet us in joint discussion. Prohibition vs Taxation.

The colored Camp Meeting was not a success. They did not take in enough to cover expenses. Bad weather, people have had their curiosity satisfied regarding such meetings. The manager is a barber in Fort Wayne who will return there to try to scrape up enough money by scraping faces to pay up bills.

The Cemetery Association will bear half the expense of a walk to the Cemetery and town will pay the other half.

Telephone wire doubled between Bryan and Toledo. A new line being built to Defiance via Evansport. The line will be extended to Hicksville via Sherwood and Mark.

Martin Hook's barn near Butler with contents, six horses,350 bushels of wheat,500 of oats, Loss $6,000, spark from threshing engine the cause.

Latest scoundrel traveling, collecting old silver ware promising to make it good as new and will return in a few days. Of course the silver is never seen again.

A business man suggests that all stores should close Thursday to enable clerks and employees an opportunity to attend the fair.

Nine bands to compete at the Fair; Ligonier, Coruna, Bloomdale, Bryan, Sherwood, Williams Center, Little Six, Hicksville.

The roof of one of the buildings at the Edgerton Basket factory fell in Sunday September 6th. with a loud crash. The building was completely wrecked. Caused by piling too much timber in the upper story. Damage $500

A new grandstand at the Fair this year. County offices to close. Did you ever see a female bare back rider? Come to the Fair for the five mile race on Friday.

It is said that old rubber boots are made over to produce black jack gum.

Engineer estimate for the proposed water works at Defiance using river water will cost $100,000.

The Alaska Fur Co. doesn't do much blowing and bragging but at the end of each year stockholders pocket $8.00 for every dollar invested.

Sherwood Post Office; moved to former location only this time in the new store belonging to Openlander.

Ceremony laying the cornerstone of the statue to the memory of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry of the battle of Lake Erie, performed with all the pomp and ritual of the Grand Lodge of Masons.

The P.O. department anticipates a deficit of $10 million, caused by the reduction in postage. Result of a scheme in the interest of the mammoth concerns all over the country that use the mails.

Joplin Daily News, Sep. 17, 1885.
Last night a number of invited guests assembled at the home of W.S.Harmany on fourth St. and Jackson Ave. to witness the marriage of his daughter Ida M. To Mr. Frank Forlow, a young and prosperous Attorney from Hicksville, Ohio. Performed by Rev. J.T.Boone of the Christian Church. Mr. Will Morrow as best man, Miss Mary Hardy of Kansas City as bridesmaid. A check from the Bride's father, the couple left on the 11:50 train for St.Louis where they will pass several days visiting the Exposition, then proceed to Hicksville where they will make their home. They arrived in Hicksville in the company of Mr. and Mrs. F.M.Thompson. Mr. Forlow purchased the Berger property on Smith St. of Mr. F.M.Thompson.

There is a class of small boys in town who devote more time to 7-up and poker and discussing on the street their merits, jack pots, bluffs, squealing etc. than is consistent with an entirely correct life. It is presumed that the parents of some of them could not be convinced that their boys indulge in such vices. The only way is be sure to keep them at home.

Akin Richards has purchased W.B.Hasting's interest in the insurance business of Shepard and Hastings.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cook of Elkton, Ohio are visiting their children, Mrs. Culler and E.W.Crook.

Mr. Dixon Edgerton of St.Marys, Ohio and Miss Lois Bittinger were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Fort Wayne the 15th.

Earl the six year old son of Charles Shamo fell of the tank in front of the new Bank Building and broke his arm. Dr. Otis was near at hand and adjusted the fracture.

The commissioners were in town Friday and sold five jobs of graveling under the 5 mill levy. Some bids as low as $1.04 a yard and as high as $1.40. Hill Elliott & Peacock the contractors. The gravel is costing three cents a yard and the hauling is being done cheaper than could be expected. Main St. in front of the P.O., High in front of the Opera House, a portion of Arthur St. and the Spencerville road in front of Shepards residence.

Some ranchers in the west are raising buffalo for their hides and steaks.

Cranberry growing counties of Wisconsin will ship 100,000 barrels at $5.00 a barrell.

News October 1st.1885
The eighth annual Hicksville Fair. The greatest display, the largest attendance ever witnessed at it's grounds. Everybody had a big time and a glorious future is assured. Organized as the North Western Ohio and N.E. Indiana Agricultural Assoc. a success from the start, later organized as The Ohio Indiana Agricultural Co. Wed. attendance was mostly exhibitors, the racing was good. Thursday and Friday were the big days. The floral hall, artwork of the ladies handwork samples of patience and understanding
I.A.Gingery's display of silks, cloaks and dress goods.
Lewis and Hersch clothings, hats, caps, gents goods and shoes.
Wellman of Defiance, Organs.
Ladies of the W.C.T.U. Booth from temperance.
Art department less picture more mineral, shells and coins.
Wm. Hervey a case of horse shoes made by him and hand finished.
D.W. Snyder sewing machines and work done on them, also Whitney & Courier pianos and organs. Beautiful display of cut flowers., singing birds.
E.H. Brooks, boots and shoes of his manufacture..
Kerr Brothers display, fork, spade & shovel handles, ice hook handles, turned handles of every

description and length. Saw bucks, camp stools, tent and awning poles, folding tables etc.
Wilderson and Co. display of fine furniture, marble top bed room set.
W.O. Hughes stoves, horse robes and blankets.
W.J. Kleckner fruits, melons and celery.
Grist mill of T.W. Kerr and that of Bruce, Bare & Bricker, displayed the excellent flour they manufacture.
Agriculture Hall everything grown on the farm, Bread and Pastries.
Agricultural implements, engines, threshers, buggies, a number of traction engines, showing what they were capable of in the way of travel. turning, backing an exhibition worth of the age of steam.
Bee exhibit of Miles Chapman & F.W. Moats of Delaware Bend.
Stock Department: Each department crowded not a vacant stall.
Horse Department full, exhibit of Clydesdales large.
Cattle Short horns seem to lead, exhibit of Holstines was good, Jerseys not so large.
Sheep - Merinos led in number, Cotswolds and Shropshire Downs show that these breeds are steadily improving..
Hogs: full, Poland Chinas largest in number and finer than last year. Chester Whites and Berkshires well represented.

The State law prohibiting swine running at large is a great aid to stockmen, improved conditions clearly show.
Poultry: Pens on opposite sides of grounds from last year.
Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Weaver were in charge of the floral hall, design was an arch across the center of the hall instead of a mound as last year.
Enterprising farmers and town people who made such a grand display are honored for their work.

Fair directors J.M. Ainsworth, R.M. Simmons, Jehiel Kelley, W.D. Wilson, M.M. Hootman, G.F. Knight, John Blosser, Robert Dorsey, N.T. Fuller, W. Harter.
President J.M. Ainsworth,V.P. L.E. Griffin, Sec. B.S. Pettit, Treas. R.D. Moor, Marshal, F.J. Clemmer Ast. and Chief of Police.

Departments: Horse-Alex McConkey, Speed-Benj. Casebeer,
Cattle- R.Simmons
Sheep & Swine: R. Dorsey, Poultry- N.T. Fuller, Mechanics Hall, M.M. Hootman, Agricultural Hall- A.L. Maxwell, Gen. Supt.- J.M. Ainsworth.

Baloney sausage had good demand, Casebeer & Snyder sold 1,600 pounds. Hail Columbia by the different bands was truly grand.
Racing was the best ever, not a race was made up..
The medicine man was there selling his remedies..
Patent fences were on exhibition. The usual number of gambling tents.

The side show was there which offers more to the sight when you are outside than when in. Should be called "the Outside Show".

The improvement of the grandstand was a wise move that more than paid for half the expense of repairing this year.

Someone said "the Hicksville Fair always did more than they advertised - last year it threw an earthquake that wasn't on the program and this year a fire that was not on the bills. The ladies of the five mile bare back race was witnessed with the greatest interest. Won by Mrs. Mastrerson by a half mile. Twelve minutes, seven seconds.
Fortune for a penny was busy- open board of trade also.
Always someone foolish enough to expect something for nothing.
The swings well patronized and were going early and late.
Williams Center:

Half the town at the Hicksville Fair. Two bands made fun of our boys but I guess the tables were turned when they were both defeated. Our band expects to attend the tournament in Defiance and if those two bands are there, we hope they will exhibit better sense and bear in mind that drum majors and fine feathers do not make the music, or in other words that inside of plain uniforms there may be more of the musical art than outward appearances indicate.

Fountain Chapel Grasshoppers destroyed the clover crop.
Maysville: Our citizens who attended the Hicksville Fair pronounce it the best ever.
Cicero: A good many farmers have the blues over the number of accidents by threshing engines. they begin to think of horses again.

Soldiers Reunion Jonas Miller's Grove.

Farmer: George Castor son of E.E. who was killed in a boiler explosion died after a prolonged illness.

Fall: Stove pipe cuss. Wild geese flying south.
Hicksville school enrolment 400.
Lost: on Tight Street, a dress maker's model.

Eldridge & Nelson wish to return their thanks to those who saved their goods from the fire.

William Harter purchased a 9 month old Shorthorn Durham calf from the celebrated Merideth herd of Cambridge City, Indiana.

Four o-clock last week the building owned by Luther Loveland on High St. occupied by Eldridge & Nelson as grocery and feed, burned to the ground. Goods were saved,$1,000 insurance will nearly cover the loss.
Fred Cornwall who lived upstairs lost everything. A subscription was taken up and raised a hundred dollars for him. Origin the chimney.

Dr. Sager of Farmer Center says hundreds have visited the scene of the explosion and every available piece of the engine has been carried off. One party went so far as trying to remove the Pitman wrist. citizens of the locality raised a subscription for the widow of Wesley Hannah. $50 to cover the encumbrance on her house and $50 in money. A generous supply of provisions was given also. Eli Castor' father intends to provide for his son's family.

I.M. Gingery last week had a winning card in his windows. A pen of varigated diamond dyed chickens, hen and brood. Some thought they grew by chance, others that they were colored and they were right. Scarlet, green, old gold and other variously colored poultry, a young turkey in all the glory of yellow plumage also.

One bunch of thieves caught who were splitting with the pink lemon ade man at the fair. The two boys had entered the Mark Center homes of Phillip Kisabet, Conrad Balser, Lilah Kisabet, also the home of Jacob Lower and the house of Jonas Miller. Some of the citizens in which the thieving was done happened to notice the boys and gave chase. They were caught the next A.M. in the woods in Mark Twp. A feat worthy of fox hunters considering the difficulty of the chase and fatigue. The boys ran so hard they were bleeding from nose and mouth,

News October 8, 1885..
Premium Awards at the Fair, lists all winning entries.

Welcome speech of Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth who's husband C.H. died at Murphysborough. To the veterans of Co. F. 111th O.V.I.

The famous trotter "Goldsmith Maid" is dead. Her age 19 years, she was not broken until she was eight years old. She first sold for $260. then #350. then $600. then $20,000 and by her last owner H.N. Smith for $35,000. She won for her owners $240,000 and beat 92 out of 132 races she ran.

West End:

George Greenwood will attend the Defiance Fair with the running mare "Bell Gibson"

Enoch Haddix and Thomas Carey are burning a kiln of 150,000 brick at Fitzcharles brick yard.

Peter Countryman has had a new 86 foot well made, erected a wind mill and pump.

Dixon, Illinois. Electric versus gas light. Gas Co. paid dividends the light Co. had to be sold for half what Mr. Fletcher paid, even with water power.

In the heart of Wyoming Territory is mountain of solid hematite iron with 60 feet of it above ground. More than a mile wide and over two miles in length. A bed of lignite coal big enough to warm the world for centuries, 8 lakes of soda, one over 600 A. not less than 30 feet in depth and a petroleum basin containing more oil than Pa and West Va.combined from which in places the oil is oozing in natural wells at the rate of two barrels a day.

A large number in this locality acquainted with Charley Krotz will read with interest the following from the Defiance Democrat of last week.

David Wertheimer and Charly Krotz formed a partnership to purchase 120 A. of land of John Aschbacher in Noble Twp. Wertheimer put up $2,000 Krotz $600 and paid cash for the land. Wertheimer asked Krotz to find a good purchaser for the land at a good figure not requiring cash but wished to sell at a large figure so that he could take a mortgage and draw a nice interest annually. He remarked that he wanted $3,00 for his half, Charley could have the rest. Krotz made a bargain with James Winterstein, The latter agreeing to pay $6,500 but had no cash to pay down. That suited Wertheimer, a deed executed Wertheimer taking a mortgage for $3,000, Charley one for $4,500. Wertheimer insisted on filing his mortgage first and Krotz consented. Wertheimer was so pleased with the arrangement that he gave Charlie a new suit of clothes. On Saturday last four days after the transaction Wertheimer discovered that Krotz had recorded his $4,500 mortgage two hours previous to Wertheimer. Consequently Krotz had a first mortgage for $ 500, Wertheimer a second for $3,00 and as the farm will not sell for more than $4,500 Wertheimer is out his $2,000. and a suit of clothes. Krotz is happy and contented with the result; Dave is very wrathy.

News October 22, 1885

There is a bitter feeling between the English and French people who live in Canada. A feeling of enmity if not hostility, slumbering for many years but which in some distant day will result in something serious. The French population 1,298,929, The English 881,307; Germans 254,319 But to the English population pure must be added as powerful sympathetic allies not only 669,863 Scotch, but also 957,403 Irish, totaling 2,568,567 The French are in the majority and would be most friendly to annexation to the United States.

The American Missionary Society is supported almost entirely by the Congregationalists. The work chiefly educational, mainly in the south with the colored people.

Potter Palmer a year ago adopted a system of requiring porters at his hotel to turn into the office "tips" received from guests. He says the plan has worked well. When a man comes to this hotel and pays $4.50 or $5.00 for a room he is entitled to the best service the house has. He hopes tipping will stop completely.

The Chinese are leaving the west coast coming east. Heaven be praised that there is a protective tariff against their flocking here in great numbers in the shape of railway fare of $100. The old settlers among them could pay this easily for they have made and saved and are satisfied in the west, but the very ones who have just arrived winter a year or two and are doing heavy labor in the mines and railway construct-tin are the ones who would like to come east. This imposes on the people of the Pacific States the necessity of looking after the most objectionable class of Chinese and gives them a powerful motive to prevent any more from entering the country.

In the year 1880 there were 4,000,607 farms in the U.S., census for that year gives the number of farmers 4,225,867,these with families amount to 22,000,000 or 40% of the entire population.

Williams Center: Jacob Lane & W.S.Tomlinson shipped stock to Buffalo.

West End: Fred Post has contracted for most of the apples in this vicinity.

Frederick Countryman is keeping pace with the neighbors, has had a new well made and a wind pump erected.

Jacob Fitzcharles has purchased a tile machine and will manufacture tile next summer.

Commissioners sold a job of grading across the Smith Hollow 1/2 mile west of Hootman Blacksmith Shop. Willis Countryman the purchaser at $75.00.

Seven deaths from dysentery during one month in Milford this autumn.

Hold your tongue tighter between your teeth than you do the stove pipe between your hands when putting up that parlor stove.

The ice wagon will soon turn it's rounds over to the coal wagon.

A.P Edgerton is making improvements in many of the houses and lots he owns in Hicksville.

Mrs. A. Simpson and daughter Lillie Pettit left for visits with relatives in Pennsylvania.

Grey squirrels disappearing, maybe because of aggressive reds.

Beer is more dangerous than whisky, verdict of Scientific American. The use of beer produces a species of degradation of all the organs, profound and deceptive fatty deposits, diminished circulation, local inflammation of liver and kidneys.

The iron bridge across the river at Newville is completed, a truss bridge of the Smith Bridge Co. of Toledo. Two trusses of 100 feet span, seventeen feet high. Fine looking will bear 12,000 # to square foot. Cost of construction $2,00 or $14.25 a foot including iron piers. This is less than the former wooden one did eight years ago.

One Price Clothers, Lewis and Hersch. stores in Hicksville and Payne were forced to the wall yesterday. A firm in Buffalo forcing their claims, brought on the suspension. Liabilities large as well as stock.

The Kickapoo Indian band arrived at Commercial Hall. Will give a free exhibition of war dance, Buffalo dance, scalp dance, and sharp shooting.

transfer:

Alfred P.Edgerton to Levi Wilder	lot C 3rd adn.+ part $	165.
Jacob Steelsmith to Elizabeth	lot 24 Hattery's adn	200.
James H to Ethel Wintersteen	lot 1 block 10 Mark	140.

News Oct. 29, 1885

Since the cultivation of forests in Dakota birds have come and devour many a field. Thousands of acres in the west are covered with young oak trees where only a pasture was seen 40 years ago.

Near approach of the Centennial of Settlement of Ohio at Marietta in 1787. Thus far 200 members at $5.00 each in the State Historical Society.

Williams Center:

For once in our recollection our streets are free of cattle and a goodly number who favored them running at large now admit that the stock law is as it should be. Gates can be left open and the pesky critters are not intruding, we can have a wheelbarrow of cabbage without a thieving cow devouring it.

Sherwood:

The telephone wires stretched to this place. The instrument put up in a room of Miller Rock and Co. Looks well.

Feathered game are quite plentiful, Antwerp shipped 1,000 pounds of birds one day last week.

G.K. Otis erecting a two story frame building on the grounds formerly occupied by Eldridge an Nelsons grocery, to be occupied by them when completed.

Montpelier Gazette:

Among the gypsies camped south of town a bright little girl 3 or 4 years old. Very fair skinned, frets considerably that she wants to be taken to her papa and momma, it is thought she is stolen.

Edgerton Observer:

Lady Elgin a trotting mare was injured while racing at the Defiance Fair. The owner has brought suit for $500. in damages. Claims that the track was unfit for racing when the horses were called. The association offered $250. to settle.

George K. Otis has purchased the stock of Lewis and Hersch and will conduct the clothing business here and in Payne.

Monday the first message on the telephone line received by W.O. Hughes & Co. from Bryan.

The gentleman who owns the greenhouse in Auburn would move to Hicksville if he receives sufficient encouragement.

Mr. Freeze is quite successful at raising evergreens. His grow where many ordered from nurseries do not.

Program of the M.E. District Conference.

John Foust was in town last week with TIPPIN FOUST & EWLINGS fine horses. SUNBEAM imported from Scotland in 1882, SALVADOR imported from Persia (Percha) in 1884.Also the trotting stallion FLAGLER.

He has met with the warmest encouragement from enterprising farmers who are bent on improvement of their horses.

tramsfers:

A.P.Edgerton to Merchant's and Farmer's Bank pt lot 216 $342.00

Wm. Brink to Wm. Brink Mark Twp. 40 A. 1,000.00

W.J.Craft to Elmer Hire lot7 in Kyle Anderson Adn. Mark 400.00

KICKAPOO INDIAN OIL Indian worm killer and Indian salve. All for sale at Pettit's Drug Store. of E.M.Pettit & Co.

News Nov. 5, 1885

Millions of squirrels are emigrating from Mississippi side over to the Arkansas shore at a point commencing about 5 miles south of Memphis extending for 20 miles. They are swimming the Mississippi evidently making for more elevated ground in Arkansas. Thousands killed by farmers with clubs instead of guns. A similar emigration of squirrels occurred in 1872.

Farmer:

The Williams Center band will play for the grand ball at Allen's Hotel. Friday evening November 5th.

West End:

James Shanklin and Alec Roan are moving their saw mill on the Sherril farm and will commence sawing in three weeks.

Jericho:

F. Henning is building a new kitchen to his home.

Elihu Booth who has worked for J.D.Paton for 4 or 5 years is going west.

A.P. Edgerton has received an appointment as a member of the Civil Service Commission, he left for Washington Monday accompanied by J.D. Patton. This is the first time Mr. Edgerton has been in Washington since in Congress 30 years ago. A better appointment could not have been made, Mr. Edgerton has always had the courage to remain true to his convictions, loyal to the best interest. A pity there are not more like him. etc.

Illustration of the tile scoop and description made by G.F. Knight. Closed at one end, reversible, can be pushed or pulled.

George Berry has purchased 1,500 barrel of apples, also 1,000 barrels of cider apples. Post & Clemmer 1,000 barrels of winter apples. David Wertz 400 barrels winter apples. W. Wilder shipped 320 barrels winter apples besides a car load of 160 barrels shipped by a stranger.

B.F. Nelson has purchased the interest of Peter Eldridge in the grocery and feed store of Eldridge & Nelson. The new firm will be Nelson Brothers. Mr. Eldridge has purchased the lot of G.K. Otis on which the old Loveland building burned and will construct a two story frame on the old foundation.

F.L. Kiplinger of Waterloo, Ind. has purchased the grocery and provision, glassware & queensware stock of Thomas Gallentine.

Myron Schell will be employed by him as a clerk..

News Nov. 12, 1885

A.P. Edgerton's appointment through recommendation of Judge Patton or Chief Justice Wait.

Otis Fisher & Evans have a street lamp in front of their store, a fine improvement.

The Merchant's and Farmer's Bank removed to it's elegant new quarters. Furnace heated, a burglar proof steel chest weighing 5,650 pounds in their fire proof vault.

The new bell for the M.E. Church put in place Tuesday morning. It weighs 1,024 pounds, heaviest in town, cost $200,00.

Joe Rex of Newville an ex- commercial drummer, hardly anything he has not sold or tried his hand at. Has mined and ranched, won and lost etc. at last lost and did not win. He is as poor as when he started.

Wedding chimes, Presbyterian Church, Rev. Barr. 200 invited guests. Dr. N.R.Simmons and Miss Eva Helen Wasetler. Lists all gifts and donors.

transfers:

John Warner to John Warner 80 A. Mark Twp. $ 2,400.
Sam Warner to John Warner lots 32,33,34,35,Wirts Adn. 040.
A.P.Edgerton to THB Correll quit claim lots 131 & 132 001.
Jacob Hofmaster to Marcia E.Webber lots 44 &46 Edg.2nd 1,000.
J.D.McKee to Zenas W. Hootman 13 1/2 A Milford 506.

Still have to hand husk corn. This looks strange in view of the improvements in other departments of farm work.

Judge Latty has a force of men at work clearing up a tract of 920 acres near TATES LANDING. will turn it into a large stock farm.

A new dwelling house has been constructed. At the house warming Mrs. Frank Eagle of Paulding Furnace acted as mistress of ceremonies. Wm. Dillon of Paulding will build the stock barns and housing necessary.

News Nov.19,1885

Evangelist Moody has given a telling blow against church fairs and the many questionable methods of raising money."an abomination".

All the mines of the Hocking Valley are closed in consequence of a strike. All the furnaces except two are also closed down. This means much distress for the families of the miners and other laborers concerned.

There is a report that the President in his coming message will take the position that there should be no further calling in of bonds, payment of the national debt should cease. It is doubtful if any body is now or will in the future be benefited by the continual reduction of debt. etc.

Fountain Chapel Corners:

While assisting in raising a house for James Peepers, L.F. Sackrider was seriously hurt by being hit by a hand spline.

Our school is now equipped with globes, maps etc. a great aid to teacher and scholars.

The first deposit at the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank in it's new location was made by G.K. Otis Thursday. Although G.W. Berry handed in a dollar the evening before thinking he would have the honor. However as it was after banking hours the honor belonged to Mr. Otis.

Auburn Courier:

Mrs. S.E. Rhodes of Newville was in town Tuesday and in company with her niece, Mrs. F.L. Forlow of Hicksville to renew acquaintance with the Courier folks.

W.T. McGuire of Antwerp is building a half mile race track at that place. Will be one of the finest in the state when completed. He is the owner of 'FRED MORAN'.a very fine horse formerly handled by Frank Snyder of Hicksville. Will be tiled all around, fenced and buildings erected. A stock Co. will be formed.

There are thirteen places in Hicksville where groceries are sold.

The wife of Wm. Friend living five miles south of Napoleon gave birth to five children recently, all boys, all doing well. The mother aged 34 is the mother of twenty-one. Several years ago she gave birth to triplets

Frank Snyder has returned from Sandusky City with a fine young horse sired by AMBASSADOR. George Wilkes classing him the best bred in state. Mr. Snyder thinks him one of the most promising he has handled.

THB Correll has sold the Commercial Hall building to Charles Krotz. Charley will put in a plate glass front and other improvements.

News Nov. 26, 1885

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE ! Eight Business rooms & dwelling in ashes.
Loss $18,000 insurance $800.

About 2:30 this morning fire was discovered in the bakery of Elder Humbarger & Bro. and in about an hour eight business rooms and a residence were burned to the ground. The fire spread in two directions on the east communicating to the dwelling occupied by Wm. Cole and to the frame occupied by his saloon. On the west the fire spread from the bakery to the building owned by THB Correll, occupied by F.L. Kiplinger Grocery then to the lime office building of John Correll, The butcher shop of Robert Bartlett, the building owned by G.K. Otis occupied by Wort &

Neers barber shop.The small room occupied by G.O. Coburn with restaurant and oyster room, then to the building known as the Love building, occupied by Dyarman and Co. with a stock of clothing. Here the fire was stopped by the Central Block, which being of brick impeded the progress of the fire.

At the Central Block on the west the fire was stopped only by the greatest of efforts of the citizens, as the whole side toward the fire was filled with windows. None have iron shutters. Great credit is due the people for their heroic work in saving the Central Block.

On the East the fire was stopped at the residence of Rev. John Huffman. Here was another masterly piece of work which reflects credit on the gentlemen who conceived the plan and their hard labor in carrying it out. A frame building and in order to save it carpets were hung from the roof to the ground and carpet saturated with water thrown from the windows from within.

The Love building, valued at $2,000. insured for $800. was occupied by Dyerman & Co. Clothiers, their goods were carried out but the loss from damage will be considerable. J.W.S. Parmer occupied the 2nd. floor of this building with his family his household goods were saved. We understand Mr. Bryan owns the building. The next building, the small one owned by G.K.Otis occupied by the restaurant of G.O.Coburn. His goods were saved but somewhat damaged. Bldg. valued at $500. not insured.

The next building owned by Otis valued at $2,000. insured for $800. was occupied by the barber shop and bath rooms of Wort & Neer, their goods were saved. The second floor by Len. Gillingham and family, their goods all saved, insured $200.

On the building owned by Robert Bartlett and occupied by him with his butcher shop valued at $1,000. insured for $800. His tools, steam engine, cutter insured for $800. valued at $ 1,000. His meats saved.

The small building occupied by the lime and coal. office of John Correll was owned by Capt. THB Correll not insured, loss $200. contents saved. The next building owned by Capt. Correll was valued at $2,800. insurance $2,000. occupied by the grocery of F.L. Kiplinger whose goods were mostly save but his loss from goods stored in the cellar & glass & queensware will be $500. which is insured. The upper story was occupied by Jessie Wells and his family, only a portion of their goods was saved.

The bakery building where the fire started was owned by W.G. Hamilton loss $700. insured for $500. occupied by Humbarger's restaurant and bakery. loss $1,000. insured for $650. a portion of goods saved. The dwelling occupied by Mr. Cole owned by Mr. Easterly of near Tiffin, Ohio as was also the building occupied by Cole's saloon. A large portion of goods and stock saved, insured for $700. The buildings valued at $2,200. insured for $600. Frank Dalrymple's building was considerably injured, glass all being broken out on the side next to the fire, window casings damaged. Loss to building and stock injured by water considerable. $200. insurance.

Rev. Huffman removed all his household goods as it seemed impossible his home could be saved. F.L. Kiplinger seems especially unfortunate, burned out of business and home. Household goods were considerably damaged by removal from his rooms over Dalrymples where he was house keeping. He has been here less than six weeks, his experience not very inspiring.

It is providential there was no breeze or the fire couldn't have been stopped short of the Krotz Opera House on the east.It is a picture of desolation on High Street this morning, great piles of household goods and merchandise obstructing the street while owners stand sentinel over their possessions spared from the fire. A space of 250 feet formerly occupied by buildings busy with activity now black and deserted.

This is the fourth fire in the last six years that resulted from a bakery. The first where the Central Block now stands, the second where J.C. Ryan residence now stands, the third in the Steelsmith building.

It took hard work to save the ware room and stable owned by Meril Otis, located at the rear of the Central Block occupied by Roberts & Overholt. It is most likely that the fire caught from the oven of the bakery as it was there first noticed. With a fire engine the fire could have been extinguished when first noticed with damage of less than $1,000. This is what has been waited for and it's now asked if any delays will be made in securing an engine.

Hicksville unfortunate in frequency of fires and still more unfortunate that her citizens exhibit a careless spirit in providing protection. The only effort ever made was that of a hook and ladder Co. and it did an excellent service in it's time, saved much property. But the firemen were not encouraged and lost their zeal and interest. Today all that is left is a truck with a few broken hooks and ladders. The NEWS has talked fire protection until it feared worrying a too patient public.

In regard to fires and fire protection to no purpose and now we ask those on whose heads rest all the loss and inconvenience caused by the fire to act. It should not be necessary for the town to burn down before making some move for protection. The town Council and the people are to be seriously censored if they let more than a fortnight elapse before purchasing and engine and constructing cisterns. If the fire fund is not large enough isn't it better to mortgage the town than let it burn down?

There are other frame rows that are a menace to safety and will inevitably share the fate of the row that burned last night. This frame row was considered so risky that many companies would not insure it. It is hoped that when it is built up it will be brick.

General Sheridan who is the best informed man in the country as to conditions and treatment of Indians, thinks the process of civilizing them must be slow. The General has long held the position that the only good Indian is a dead Indian. He favors restricting their reservation to 320 A. for each family and selling the rest of their land at $1.25 / A.

The Chicago Sentinel:

The National Banks ruled the finance of the Nation dictating the policy of the Treasury. They have organized themselves into a moneyed political oligarchy, defied Congress, created syndicates. They propose to fund the national debt into an endless engine of financial power to rule the legislation of the country. They have combined the amount of $2,000,000,000. under their control and are as they believe the masters of the situation.

Cicero:

Frank Ginter has not decided where to move yet.

We have a picture of A.P. Edgerton as Civil Service Commissioner.

Farmer:

Married at residence of bride's parents; F.W. Richardson and Miss Emma Poorman.

Much is anticipated of the great Scotch Colony which is about to be planted in Florida. The first division composed of fifty families will sail from Glasgow on the 26th. fully a thousand will follow. They own their land and have plenty of money.

The Western Powers thought they had done something when they broke down the exclusiveness of the Chinese Empire. Several wish they had left the heathen to their own devices and would be glad to seal doors as it was in the days of Marco Polo.

Evansport lost it's mill. Damage $12 to $15,000. $8,000. insurance. A sad blow to the thrifty village of Evansport but there is talk of rebuilding the mill. If rebuilt it wont be on the river but be a steam mill.

John Vanimmons arrested in Peabody, Kansas for the murder of John Crow. George W. Ayers who is a dealer in baled hay and feed at Peabody in writing to W.J. Kleckner says that Vanimmons has been working for him as fireman for four months. Had behaved himself, was much surprised when the sheriff of Peabody told him Vanimmmons was charged with Murder. he had his two children, a boy and a girl with him. Sheriff of Peabody will be entitled to the reward.

The celebrated case of libel suit against Alshouse & Herold accused of sending an indecent valentine to Mrs. Miller: the trial lasted five days and resulted in an acquittal.

The cost for doctoring the county poor $1,700. while that of Defiance was but $400.

Two whole pages and a part of a supplement is occupied with Sheriffs sales and forfeited land sales in the Paulding Democrat.

transfers:

H.J.Warner to Daniel Connelly	30 A.	Mark Twp.	$ 500.
Ira Gingery to Wm. H.Scott	45 A.	Milford Twp.	1.500.
Thomas Kerr to Joseph Kerr	160 A.	Hicks. Twp.	4,800.
Azeriah Hattery to Ed. W.Crook	lots 28& 29	Hattery adn.	200.
Azeriah Hattery to John Hull	lot 32	Hatter addn..	100.
Jacob Rodenbaugh to Levi McClellen	40 A.	Milford Twp.	1,800.
Nancy Staggs to Mary Jane Murphy	40 A.	Hicksville tap.	1,400.
John M.Ainsworth to Nancy Jane Reason	1 A.	Hicksville twp.	175.
Nancy Staggs to John M. Ainsworth	1 A.	Hicksville tap	175.

NEWS Dec. 3, 1885.

Fred Douglas thinks that Blaine, Logan, Sherman and Edmunds are the leading candidates for the Republicans for 1888.

Vice President Thomas A. Hendricks died of paralysis of brain in his home in Indianapolis at 4:45 Wednesday evening. The Senate will elect a president pro-tem who will be the acting Vice President.

Cincinnati Enquirer:

Benjamin Patton is registered at the Willard Hotel. It is stated that Patton has visited Washington every year consecutively for 57 Years had with him his first hotel bill here in 1829 for five days. Board and lodging amounted to $9.50 including candles and soap. Present rates same hotel $4.00 a day.

Cleveland Ohio Leader correspondent says:

A statesman of the old school standing in the lobby of the Willard Hotel, medium height, form straight, clothes the finest black broadcloth, high Henry Clay Collar which clasped his neck with the aid of a black satin stock was white as the purest newly stacked lime. Boots shown like oiled ebony and the long white shirt bosom which burst through his old style broad cloth vest had three large buttons of burnished gold. Add this to the friendliest of faces shining out of a frame of white whiskers and silvery hair, a pair of blue eyes, a well amount of nose and good teeth and you have Hon. Alfred P. Edgerton of Indiana our new Civil Service Commissioner. Mr. Edgerton at 68 as spry as George Post who was the youngest member of the last Congress. Courteous as a French Diplomat, honest, able. I met him years ago in North West Ohio, one of the first settlers in that part of the state where there is a town named for him.

Mr. Edgerton came west from New York as a youth, connected with a land Co. of which the noted millionaire Henry Hicks of Hicks Lord fame was a prominent part. He founded Hicksville naming it for Mr. Hicks. A great part of N.W. Ohio he had surveyed and sold. During Franklin Pierce time he represented the district in Congress. After his retirement he made a fortune in real estate and two years before the war he moved to Fort Wayne and has lived there since. He has been a straight line Democrat all of his life.

On Friday the next day after the fire, Mr. Jno. Correll commenced a small frame building on the foundation of his former store. Temporary and will not interfere with the construction of a brick block the entire length of the burned portion when it shall be determined to do so. Mr. Correll lost a considerable lot in the fire. The day of the fire Robert Bartlett retailed meat on the sidewalk in front of G.W.Richies store, but he is now established in one of the rooms in the Commercial Block across the street from the old location. Various stores are filled with items saved from the fire but many items were stolen. A man was seen making off with a ham on his shoulder, when asked he replied he was taking it where it would be safe. Wort & Neer are presently located in rooms over Pettit & Co. Drug store, will move to Dalrymples rooms as soon as they are repaired.

There has been but two fires in Hicksville resulting from bakeries, that at A.R. Steelsmith's building when occupied by L.W. Wyant and this last fire. The fire on the corner several years ago caught from Giller's shoe shop and the burning of the building where J.C. Ryans' residence now stands was caused by a restaurant rather than a bakery.

Hicksville's Doctors have considerable practice in Indiana and with passage of the new law must get licenses there.

Next week the News will list the new buildings put up in Hicksville in the past two years.

For the present Dyarman & Co. will have their clothing in the room with G.W. Richie.

Last Thursday the Sherwood band was heard very distinctly by telephone in Hicksville.

NEWS Dec 10, 1885

Report of Hicksville Union Schools, listing all students.

F.L. Kiplinger has moved his stock to Commercial Block next to Central Furniture.

Caleb Early of near Findlay will put up a two story double room brick where Wm. Cole was.

At the Opera House Dec 18th. Rev. G.W. Barr will give a report of his trip to Wyoming.

List of building done in Hicksville. in past two years. $60,585.00 Includes the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank at $4,500. The home of C.C. Lehman on the Fort Wayne road, at $3,500, many Edgerton house improvements.

Valentine Pierman sold the finest hogs brought to Hicksville this year; 12 brought $133.34.

George Forder has 15 acres cleared and eight put to grass.

Fire at home of Sam. Stafford, Newville put out with little harm.

Messrs I.A. Gingery and C.G. Shepard are now managers of the Pettit Opera House and will make an earnest effort to give the people good first class amusements. Mr. E.N. Lewis of Defiance was about to sell the scenery and seats to parties in Defiance and would have been done had not these gentlemen leased it.

The Ohio Indiana Agricultural Co. Gross receipts in 1885 were $3,186.66. Although extensive improvements were made this year the old debt of the Co. was reduced $200. besides paying the expenses of 1885. Indebtedness now $361.65. H.Harter Pres, V.P.J.M.Ainsworth, Sec L.E. Griffin, Treas. B.S. Pettit. Directors Robert Dorsey, W.D. Wilson, M.M. Hootman, John Blosser, G.F.Knight, Jehiel Kelly, R. Simmons, N.T. Fuller, and J.M. Ainsworth. Supt. of Speed Geo. Nichols, Marshal B.F.
Casebeer. Asst. Marshall and Chief of Police F.J.Clemmer.

NEWS Dec. 17, 1885

THE CROW MURDER! Big Rapids, Michigan Herald.

An interesting account of the search and arrest of John Vannimmons for the alleged murder of John A. Crow of Mark Center. Al Zinn and A.L. Stone while fishing found the remains of a man in a secluded spot near the West Mich. R.R. crushed skull, badly decomposed body, rifled pockets in clothing in good condition. The Sheriff kept working on the case with few clues at Mark Center.

John A.Crow aged 22 had left the farm the first time accompanied by an old acquaintance named John Vannimman, a widower with three children. They left May 30. his sister had married John Crow's brother. The two men went to Michigan on Tuesday morning, Vannimmans appeared alone, picked up his children to move to Michigan but at last moment purchased a ticket to Chicago.

After not hearing for an extended time the local Sheriff Wonderly contacted the Sheriff at Big Rapids, The clothes were identified as John Crowes, a reward was raised, arrested in Peabody, Kansas. In an interview by Herald reporter Vannimmans expressed his affection for Crowe, told of meeting an old acquaintance named Fisher at Turnbulls Lake, went to Grand Rapids to discus a patent, Crowe boarded a train also. They stole their way as far as they could on freights, met another fellow headed north. That evening May 31, John and the new acquaintance went north on the G.R.& I., Vannimmans remained in Grand Rapids til Monday then headed for Mark Center. When asked about pawning the gun and watch in Grand Rapids he said he allowed John Crowe three days work for the revolver and before starting north traded watches giving him $5.00 "to boot". Discouraged at not finding Fisher in Grand Rapids he took off with his children for the west. Journeying to Big Rapids with the Sheriff his story changed many times. The accused was arraigned before Justice Dewey and waived examination. The trial over to next year.

Wort & Neer moving their barber shop over T.F. Dowell's livery stable.

Wm. Cole has purchased the property formerly occupied by John Koch's Harness Shop fitting it up for a saloon.

Two additional buildings omitted in the list of those built in last two years in last week's paper: Foust's Wagon Shop $700. F.N. Horton's barn $300.

Dr. Combs formerly of Hicksville has sold his interest in the Mineral Springs Hotel in St. Louis, Michigan.

Christmas Festival, how it should be observed, a paper read by Rev. Wesner at the regular meeting of the Association last week.

West End:

Tom Cary & Enoch Haddix opened their new kiln of brick, all A-1.

We suggest that the druggists circulate calendars in Milford so people will be reminded of the Sabbath.

Boys are harnessing dogs to home made sulkies, both appear to enjoy. The fun that a boy and dog can't get out of life is not worth having.

Six years ago C.C. Lehman took the agency for the Ohio Farmer's Insurance company in Allen Co. A territory which two agents had thrown up claiming that they could not make anything out of it. Mr. Lehman in the six years he has had the territory, worked it up to a paying business. It is now necessary to take in a partner F.X. Schukler, a shoe dealer in Fort Wayne. They will now have an office in Fort Wayne.

Phillip Hersch removes to Portland, Indiana where he has received a position as manager of a clothing store.

F.W. Hayden representing the Defiance Express gave us a call with a view of contracting advertising space for Defiance advertisers. We were glad we were compelled to refuse as we have an abundance of home ads.

Tuesday L.E. Griffin traded his Cornelia Street property to W.A. Zeigler for his business property on High Street. Consideration involved $1,200. Mr. Ziegler the same day purchased the saloon of D.W. Myers, Mr. Myers will travel for a Chicago tobacco house.

A week ago last Sunday an unusual scene at the Christian Church, It was the presence of a rough looking man with a gun and knap sack who had the appearance of just having equipped himself for frontier life. He made his way to the pulpit laying his bundle down, sat in a chair and held his gun throughout the service. A stranger.

Workmen papering the rooms in the Casebeer Block over Pettit's drug store which Jan. 1st. will be occupied by the law firm of Coulter and Griffin and the insurance office of Shepard and Richards. There is talk of fixing up the fourth room for council chambers.

EXTRA Chicago Times:

Murder near Auburn, killed for $6.00. Murderer arrested Tuesday, Lex. Harder, with two gun shots in head flagged a train, died soon after. He had left his boarding house with Levi Kessler who was found an hour later trace to Lima, Kessler admitted the murder.

transfers:

A.P Edgerton to Peter Eldrige. Lot A. Edg. Adn. $ 123.
Wm. G.Kitch to Obed Tharp Mark Twp 500.
J.H.Ainsworth to Geo.Hood 100 A. Hix Twp. 2,500
John Dohner to Cordelia Vanimmans lot4 Clarksville,Milf 350. Lot
A. Crow to Michael M.Kuber Acres Milford 1,100.
Peter Hilbert to Daniel Hilbert Sr. a parcel Hix.Twp. 500.

Council meeting discussion of obtaining some means of fighting fire. It was thought best to make a move in that direction. There is now $400. in the fire fund, sufficient to commence to put down cisterns. A committee appointed to check with other towns. John Koch in town last week in conversation with a citizen said he would not advise purchase of a fire engine as his observation was that even in cities not a complete success. It's best to first provide a abundant supply of water. G.F. Knight on the committee.

NEWS Dec. 24,1885.

About the first of Jan. the Central Furniture store will move from the Commercial Block to the Krotz Opera Block next door to the Peoples Drug Store. They will have upstairs and down except two sets of office rooms of three rooms each that will be fitted up in the front upstairs, this will make them an excellent location.

The rate of insurance on the property in the frame row is 3 1/2 % per annum. No company is anxious to secure the risk.

Charley Krotz talks of veneering the Commercial Block with brick.

transfers:

Esther Parker to Emily Hiskett lot 16 Parkers Adn. $ 100.
A.P.Edgerton to John Gardner 40 A. Washington Twp. 600.
Rufus Kurus to Edward A.Strong Mark Twp. sev. tracts. 250.
Edward Strong to Margaret A. Kurus Mark T. sev tracts 250.
John Miller to John F.Yeager 40 A. Hix Twp. 1,000.
James C.Murray to Henry W.Granby 20 A. Milford 766.
Wm. Stull to Wm. E. Palmer lot 3 Edgerton 1st. Adn. 3,000.

White Lake Times Dakota:

Dowd - Kintigh wedding 1/4 column includes guests and gifts.

Dr. Forest W. Dowd marries Miss Lillian Kintigh, he formerly from Sherwood

Cicero:

Casper Ginter has moved to town.

HOLIDAY SUPPLEMENT

W.J. Kleckner has put a 20 pound stick of candy in his window and gives a ticket with every 50 cent purchase.

Mr. and Mrs. E.W. Crook entertained a number of friends at their pleasant home on Smith Street.

Dr. B.M. Rakestraw has had labels printed and is putting up his Blood Purifier for the cure of Cancer and Scrofula. Has effected many cures. An out growth of the Doctors observations over a number of years.

Rev. Barr leaving the Presbyterian Church here for the Presbyterian Church of Rollins, Wyoming. Salary $1,200, a five year contract.

NEWS Dec. 31,1885.

Cicero:

Andrew Hilbert is circulating the prescription book for the salary of Rev. Wesner for 1886.

Ministerial meeting: Proper observance of the Sabbath, The skating rink. Pastors should advise their members not to patronize the rink and other such popular amusements of like character. Morality in business methods and juvenile immorality.

John Wilderson has completed the first two meat smokers for B.L. Rich of Allen County, there are three sizes.

Williams Center:

Our new store is a fizzle, he keeps but very little of anything, talks of putting in hard cider. He better look up the fate of former saloon keepers in this village.

Wedding at home of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Sweet. Charley Sweet to Miss Ida Sewell Christmas Eve.

Mr. James Clapper to Miss Tillie Knight. 125 guests listed with. gifts. Rev. Crary.

F.M. Curtis of Antwerp has purchased the A.J. Hughes farm on the Maumee and moved there.

C.V. Tannehill Dentist offices in Casebeer Block upstairs.

Coulter and Griffin Attys. & collection agents, Central Block.

Hill & Forlow Attys. Central Block.

Miller & Jeffries rooms 2 and 3 Casebeer Block.

I.S. Miller Real Estate at Miller & Jeffries Hardware.

I.A. Gingery 2 rooms Opera House Block. Main and High Streets.

G.W. Richie Central Block.

P.M Eldridge One door west of the Swilley House.

Ainsworth Boon and Bevington.

Dried apples wanted, see Al Maxwell.

George Miller & G.O. Coburn are sharing hoops and axe handles in the old log building next door to Wertz saloon. Hoops are sent to Defiance the axe handles find a market at home.

Rev. John Huffman is engaged in removing his residence to a lot opposite the fair grounds purchased of Hart & Warner. On the lot vacated he intends to erect a two story brick veneer business room.

The U.B Church was crowded Christmas evening to witness the exercises which were interesting and attractive. The ladder was well laden with presents and their distribution made many merry hearts.

A Christmas tree at the Lutheran Church.

W.L. Holbrook Dentist from Kendalville will occupy the rooms above the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank.

At the Disciple Church Santa came down the fire place, many juveniles who were there can not be broken in their faith in the actual living breathing Santa Clause.

The first telephone message to Detroit, 170 miles was clear, no need to repeat.

The Buckeye Furniture Co. have moved the tables stored in the Krotz Block to the Ehrhart Block.

Married at Lagrange, Mich. on Nov. 8th. Fred Poole of Cassopolus, Mich to Miss Addie Cleveland of Cicero, Ohio.

Skating school opened Christmas night with a large attendance, six couples from Albion, Indiana attended.

H. G. Elliott was on hand to photograph the bad wrecked locomotives of freight trains on the B & O. four miles west of St. Joe A small cut and curve in the road, both twenty miles an hour, a dark night. The engineer of the east bound failed to see the signal at Auburn Junction. Three men injured, one engineer Baldwin received serious internal injuries from jumping, a fireman Olden, a broken leg and brakeman injured. Olden was found under the tender, it took quite some time to release him. Both Camel backs, when they met reared up and fell on their sides locked together. A track was laid around the wreck to permit movement of passenger trains.

P.M. Eldridge purchase F.L. Kiplinger's stock and will operate at present location until his new building is done. He will retain Myron Schell as salesman and John Getrost as clerk.

Edgerton Observer:

R.A Haskins went to Big Rapids bringing back two children of Vannimmons. His wife a sister of Mrs. Haskins. the little boy seven years finds a home with R.A. Haskins. The girl five for the present at Fred Dimlers. the baby has been with Lute Hopkins since the death of his mother and will stay.

Our council should pass an ordinance that no frame building be erected on business streets of Hicksville, The Council awaits a petition but no one is anxious to present.

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Arkansas letter from Fayetteville , J.D. Patton. Change address to Cleveland, Tenn..
West End.: Willis Countryman sight seeing in Buffalo, N.Y.

Reunion of the family of Amos Forlow near 6 corners New Years. Their six children four girls, two boys, as was all the Forlow family in this county. Benj. Forlow and wife, Frank L. Forlow and wife, Mrs W.H. Getrost and husband, Mrs E.H. Otis and husband, and the three younger children that are at home, also the coming home of their only grandchild, making the first born of four generations (quite unusual). Mrs Forlow is an excellent cook.

AGAINST THE RINK!
Rev. Wesner at the Lutheran Parsonage: Whereas there exists in our village a popular and delusive form of amusement known as the "Roller Skating Rink" and whereas the effects of the "Rink" are known to be detrimental. We believe it the duty of Christian parents to use their influence against. Proposed -etc. Hicksville Ministerial Association.

Column on the Indian problem.

The morning passenger train at 40 mph. jumped the track at Whites Mills, four mile west of Defiance, went 690 feet on the ties before it stopped. Baggage & express cars turned upside down in the ditch. No one hurt. .A. Coulter, E.W. Crook, Frank Forlow, Wm. Babbage, Mr & Mrs David Sollenberger and James Heller were Hicksville people who had a good shaking up.
Coulter & Griffin, Sheppard & Richards have moved to new quarters over Pettits store.
Village Council now occupy a room above Pettit's Store (drug). Casebeer Block.
The Health Department attention drawn to East Edgerton near Maple, a horse was buried there last Fall, thinly covered, now a depression covered with a scummy green scud..
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News Jan 14th 1886
Morality in business methods.
Wisconsin letter Colby Co. -G.W. Chapman.
Merchants and Farmers Bank Report:
Capital $25,000; Deposits $30.926, Undivided profits $1,149. Surplus $226.
Letter from E.M. Horton in Eustis, Florida
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HICKSVILLE FAIR
A.P. Edgerton has expressed a willingness to sell grounds.
The Marble Shop Bldg. - between the residence of J.C.Ryan and Ziegler's Saloon has been moved into the street in route to a lot near the Ehrhart Block. It will remain in the street till the weather permits resuming travel.
Joseph D. Kerr afflicted with an epileptic spasm, 30 minutes later able to resume business.
Gas was struck 50 feet below surface near Bryan, burned for several hours. Water was wanted - pipe driven on down.
Fearful wreck on the B&O at Colburg near Valpariaso (7 miles west) A double header freight into a single header. Engineer and Fireman of the first loco killed, Engineer may have been asleep- just run to death- surviving fireman said no time to eat a meal since yesterday A.M

.Jan 21, 1886
Column. by Nathan Palmer of Newville.
Born in Scipio, Cayuga Co. N.Y. Feb. 1st 1813. To Loraine Co. Ohio 1833.
Worked there two years, then to Michigan. Two years from Allegan to Indiana.

Struck an Indian war path at the north side of Steuben Co. near the center of County,
Gale and Gilmore had a dry goods and grocery store.
Saw one house to Fort Wayne.(in which anyone lived) 30 to 40 miles.
Mr Park built the first house in Auburn, had gone East to move family, on elevated ground contiguous to the creek, July 1835.
Isaac Hall had looked at land in what is now Scipio but no Township was named in N.E. Indiana

Fort Wayne had 100 inhabitants - we boarded at Mills Tavern three days before I could enter my land. 300 people a day thronged the land office. Slept the 1st night in the hay loft,about 11 P. M. under the loft, horses, and a hole in the mow to throw down hay. A man walked in his sleep and fell astraddle of a very fiery horse; the horse did not like the rider and neither did the rider enjoy the ride. He was thumped and humped against poles until the blood streamed down his cheeks but was not seriously hurt. Well, he said, come boys let's have something to drink. All ten of us liquored up and went back to the hay loft but some time elapsed before we slept. The next night we slept in the hotel, someone was dancing overhead: he was ordered to stop and he did.My brother and I were escortedto bed. The bed occupied by the dancer was eight feet from ours.
We had been in bed ten minutes when he was on the floor again, dancing "double shuffle" and every step imaginable. I heard the door open from the bar room, then the door at the foot of the stairway.

Soon Mr Mills came upstairs sly as a cat and grabbed the dancer in his arms,the dancer caught hold on our bed and we were moved along quite lively, but he was jerked loose, taken down stairs and thrown out in the street. Mills ran upstairs and threw the dancers clothes out the window and said "I warned you to stop dancing, when you can act like a gentleman come back". In the morning he came back and said Mills was right. This man was from Terre Haute and had entered land quite extensively in northern Indiana.

From Fort Wayne to the state line was a wilderness of but few settlers. Isaac Hall Platt Squires and Parks came to Scipio in the Spring, I came in the Fall. My brother William and I boarded with Isaac Hall and shall always feel proud of our fare. Mr Hall and wife were the first settlers in Eastern Springfield Township - named by Mr Hall as he came from Springfield Township in Ohio. The first Township meeting was in Stephen Shordin's house, two miles N.E. of Maysville, first magistrate Ezra May N.E. of Fort Wayne. Maysville was named in his honor.
When the settlers wanted a name for the Township where Scipio now is they proposed Palmer in that there were three of us, I proposed the name Scipio.
The privations of the early settlers were hard in the extreme, there was no mill, Mr Parks chopped down a large oak and made a hollow place in the stump in which to pound corn with a spring pole with a maul attached to the end of it.

Column by Benj Patton - a veteran recalled.Pitts Post).
a school report.
Salt used in Hicksville Ainsworth Boon and Bevington sell over a car load a month, average 14 cars a year. One car is 100 barrels one barrel is 280 pound so 392,000 pounds.a year.
Dr. Simmons moved to rooms over the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank.

Friday, Charles Krotz commenced removal of a ware room connected with the Commercial Block to the lot formerly occupied by the Marble shop. Recently the council passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of frame structures between Maple and High Streets..also removal of frame buildings to said lots, but the ordinance had not gone into effect yet, Mr Krotz took advantage, Mrs Simpson owner of the lot next to the Commercial Block objected to his crossing , but as another party had a lease Krotz re-leased for one day. L.W.Wilder served an injunction as he had a lease from Stull on the lot Krotz bought. The building had been standing in the street in front of Dowell's livery stable, when G.K.Otis purchased it and moved it and moved it to the rear of the new building to be occupied by Peter Eldridge. So ends the matter, it is a pleasure to relate.

Jan. 28, 1886

Proper observance of the Sabbath.

Literary Debate topic-Resolved- Ministers are more benefit to man than doctors.

A Turkey Convention.

copied from the Chicago Times of 13th. Hicksville Jan 10. SebastianTustison is an old settler his farm just across the line in Indiana, former Justice of Peace, currently assessor, respected by all. On a recent visit to Judge Patton he related the following remarkable incident.

In the year 1846 or '47 no mast in this country, no nuts of any kind, there seemed to be a natural movement of Turkeys from the North. During September they were very abundant. One morning at day-break I went out into the woods with my rifle to look for deer; I went to the junction of Jackson and Allen creeks and sat on a log. Between daylight and sun rise the turkeys on roosts began calling and gobbling, they made a noise so great it confounded me. I left my log and walked toward the great source of noise..most were down on the ground, others remaining in the trees. There must have been at least a thousand, the ground was alive with them as far as I could see. After a while I left and took another position to watch for deer. In 20 to 25 minutes the turkeys came trooping along in plain sight, a solid column of them making a great noise all the while.'The procession must have been at least a half mile long, certainly not in single file. About an hour after sunrise they stopped marching and started scratching for food. I changed my position and came farther East to Lick Run - by this time the noise had to a great measure subsided. As I was following the course of Lick Run on Judge Patton's land the noise began again and there I saw a sight that astonished me. A large portion of them had come together on a ridge at least a quarter acre was covered with them. The gobblers were on the inside, wrangling, gobbling and fighting with each other. While the females formed the outer circle apparently in a state of excitement and with the males making a great noise. There was no use to hunt deer with all the noise and my brother and I had shot enough turkey so I started for home. It looked to me as if they were having a general convention of wild turkeys assembled to act on the question of what to do about the food supply in this locality and decide on migration. The turkeys all left and did not return that year.

As Ney post office will have daily service out of Bryan - the route from Farmer to Ney will be abandoned.

a letter: from Posey, Co. Cynthiana Indiana, Henry M. Brush, Describing work and country from Alabama through Tenn. etc.

Beef steak 7 to 9 cents a pound at H. Bricker and Son's Butcher Shop

Cranberries 7 cents per quart, mince meat 10 cents per pound. at A.R.Steelsmiths.

Andrew Hattery is making brick.

Feb 4, 1886.

Pioneer Experience: Nathan Palmer.

Back to Allegan, Mich. Sidney Ketchum built a saw mill for the Boston Co. He employed 30 to 40 men, most of us slept on brush heaps but after a few weeks we tired of this and Ketchum sent 8 men up the Kalamazoo river to get straw, a distance of 15 miles. At Allegan there were over a hundred Potawatamees, a curious people - they had boats made of bark and two men could lift those boats that would carry safely twenty men.

They dumped sand from the canoe as they went up stream, speared as they came down.

Took a 126 pound sturgeon (very coarse meat) one of our men said Indian couldn't kill deer put up a boot as a target, the Indian with 8 foot bow and a 3 foot arrow- put the arrow three inches into the boot through the heel, tough to get out. We agreed that they could kill a deer. We saw little small game, but mosquitos every where, some could weigh a pound.

Brother and I had built the house which my family would occupy in the Spring of 1837.

We went back to New York the last of April, eight of the family started for the then "farwest" Not many goods to fetch - bed clothing and $300.00 worth of broadcloth etc.We went to Buffalo on the steamboat - on arriving at Buffalo the lake was frozen as far as Dunkirk, 30 miles.

We stayed in Buffalo 8 days.$2,000 was offered to anyone who could break the ice.

Family and goods on the General Porter - going through the path in the ice.Paddles on the wheel would break every few minutes, we were all day going to Dunkirk. Buffalo then was no larger than Hicksville today. We came up Lake Erie to Toledo. it not being as large as Hicksville today. We put family and goods on a steamboat that took us to Flatrock where we were put on a flat boat so-called, almost as big as a canal boat - the flat boat poled by eight men, four to a side. Two or three times we had to get out and help shove it across the shallow places. At last we arrived at Bull Rapids, four miles west of the Ohio line. Mr Hall, and Mr Squire with ox teams moved the family to our home. The house had not a board on or in it. We put rafters on the house instead of "cobbling off" as was the custom and built a stick chimney and clay hearth. Two doors were hung on wooden hinges and a puncheon floor put in the cabin. I made bed steads by boring holes in the logs and driving poles then woven splints like chair bottoms.

The same Indians we had seen in Allegan, Mich came here to hunt. They would bring honey to our house in "mococks" which would hold a half bushel. If they wanted potatoes meal or anything they would say "even swap" and go off satisfied. Once we traded for a pony - that later wandered off - as we searched the woods for it my brother pointed there it is, it was a 2/3 grown bear cub - I shot and sent my brother with a bowie knife (like Texans butcher each other with) as he got close the bear almost bit him. As I rammed a ball in my musket it only went part way - but I put it against the cub's head and shot. We heard a noise, bear on hind legs, a full sized bear with cub.

I tried to re-load but the bears ran off. I said "Luke if she goes for you stab her with the knife and I'll whale her with the gun" I don't know whether it was good luck or not - I'm sure she would have killed us if she chose to fight. The pony was not found then- I heard Zenas Henderson, west of Spencerville had taken up an Indian pony and had advertized and Dr Tatum had bought him. I had seen Tatum ride that pony often but didn't realize it was the one I used to own

Central Furniture Store removed to Krotz Opera Block.

transfer: A.P. Edgerton to Harriet Otis lot 30, Edg. 1st add. $225.00.

Peter J. Simonis to John Scheider 1 acre Defiance City $700.00

Benj. Patton to James Harris a tract in Hix. Twp. $1,000.00

a Letter from the south-De Funiak Springs, Fla. H.C.Shull.

P.M. Eldridge wishes to inform the public that he will be located in the new block opposite the residence of A.P.Edgerton, as of Jan. 31st.- also entire stock of queensware will be sold at actual cost next 30 days

.At 12:45 last Friday morning a speeding East bound passenger train ran into the rear of a freight also East bound a mile West of Chicago Junction. L.Vandelier fireman of passenger train crushed under the engine, other crewmen sever injury died. Many passengers injured, Walter Deatsman returning from Buffalo visited the wreck. Conductor and brakeman of the freight were asleep when struck.

The new rooms of Thompson, Willson, Forlow were completed last week." Defiance slat blinds" on the windows

A Dakota "stick" of twisted hay is on display at Miller & Jeffries. Twisted by machine can be so tight that it wont burn- takes 15 of the sample to get breakfast.

News Feb. 11, 1886

Last week while Allen Countryman was ascending the embankment on the Newville road near town with a team and sled load of timber he discovered that a train was coming just a short distance above the crossing from the west. Not having sufficient time to cross with a load he held the horses by bridles, but when the train came by they became frightened and getting loose went down the embankment upsetting the sled and turning around collided with a telegraph post. No damage done except the trouble of re-loading the timber.

BOHEMIAN OATS A scam of kiting notes.

Last Saturday Feb 6, friends of Mrs. Wm. Countryman surprised her, sleighs and sleds with 30 persons. For details call on Billy Barron or J.F. Carr.

School report:

Petition to Senate and House Columbus: Enact speedy legislation for prompt suppression of stock companies for sale of grain at fictitious prices. Andrew Hilbert, E.E.Ringer and many other signers.

A telephone line from the U.B. Church to the residence of Mrs S.A.T Harp, Mrs Kleckner's mother. but would not work unless the speaker spoke directly into the mouth piece.

A serious sleighing accident at Edgerton Railroad.

Feb. 18, 1886

Home Fair Circuit

Five Corners: Andrew Countryman has contract for building Bodiker's barn.

Polite stealing--Bohemian oats.

Miss Mattie Moore an estimable young lady a teacher in Hicksville schools, pupils presented a silver dish.

Culler & Noble are preparing to publish a residence and business directory of Hicksville. Each person expected to sign for a directory at 15 cents, will furnish each house with a painted number which will correspond to that printed in the directory.

Hon A.P. Edgerton arrived Monday but was immediately taken by a severe cold, unable to be out.

J.M. Ainsworth one of the earliest business men in Hicksville coming to Hicksville in the Spring of 1857 and with the exception of two years spent in Fort Wayne been in business here every since. The first coal oil lamp was sold by him to Mrs Mary J. Wood. The oil of which she purchased was shipped to Hicksville in two five gallon tin cans from N.Y. The oil retailed at one dollar a gallon and remained 75 cents to one dollar for some years. The war kept the price high.

Dr. Combs is visiting, might resume practice here.

News Feb 25, 1886.

Dr. Otis speaks about charges (criminal). "It was stated that the underwear of the child was proof of my guilt".stains on the child's underwear common and frequent. she wasunable to control her urinary organs".Mrs Sarah Gingery, washerwoman.A medical exam would show that liability exam by Drs Long and Riggs of Bryan was said to prove my guilt. Their statements of denial of even having seen the child follow. Dr Lavern Badger of Bryan, Mr Alfred Beerbower accompanied by the girl about 11 years for me to examine for sexual relations- I found no such evidence. If there is evidence of criminal action against me, come forward. Dr. Otis.

Kerr Bros - present building inadequate for growing business, will erect a large new factory near the present, 40 x 100. One and a half story, the half a basement occupied by conductors for sawdust and shavings.

A.P. Edgerton has leased all his farming lands for a term of years around Hicksville to Ainsworth, Simmons and Hood, they have also purchased his cattle and sheep.

A horse caught a shoe in the rails of the crossing, stumbled and fell on other side of track leaving the wagon standing across the R.R. the engineer did his best - but pushed wagon a short way in front of it.

News March 4, 1886

Notice: As I have leased my lands- those who bought lots upon them must now fence their lots.

transfers: Levi C. Haver to Robert Alexander Haver quit claim 40 acres Mark $50.

Strike of mammoth gas well Hancock Co. Findlay, on bank of river has a tube 60 feet high from which gas is kept burning - roar is like a heavy train of cars, light can be seen in Toledo 60 miles away.

West End: Thomas Carey has sold 50,000 bricks to a party in Hicksville and is busy hauling.

Cicero: B.L. Ginter will move 8 miles west of Hicksville on Keener farm.

Two B&O freights came together at Delaware Bend. a brakeman left a switch open.

John T. Arnold has a patent on a new crimp for washboards, washing a third quicker.

March 11, 1886

EXTRA Vanimman's murder trial. Big Rapids Mich.. For the Murder of John Crow, a life sentence.

Letter and reply-- Mrs D. Taylor and Rev Crary. Have Universalists in Hicksville turned over to U.B.?

Culler & Noble delivering their directory.

Hicksville municipal affairs in excellent condition. Cash balance, streets in good shape.

Now can commence on improvements for fire protection.

Monday night someone tarred the front of Wilderson's furniture store and offices of Dr. Otis and Zartman and Dr. Richards.

Hon A.P. Edgerton has secured Marvin Smith as clerk in his office here- which will be open every day. He returned to Washington last Saturday but will be here again about April 20th.

Petty thievery is so bad no one can leave anything in a carriage . Our good reputation as a place to trade will soon be gone.

News March 18, 1886

Court proceedings almost a full column.

A lively corpse; Story of Kintigh family having frozen to death at White Lake, Dakota.

Mr. Kintigh answering to assure Mr. Babb.

Willis Countryman has went to Richmond, Indiana where he expects to go into business or attend school.

Letter from Central Wisconsin, - S.H. Schooly (Wein, Wisconsin)

Work commenced on A.T. Palmer's new building.

Owing to the fact that there are more pupils in C. primary than can be accommodated and the approaching warm weather it has been decided that one grade should attend forenoon, the other afternoon- more individual attention can be given.

Charly Krotz has contracted with Callendar and Co. for the bricks to be used in veneering Commercial Block. There also will be a new front and roof, he talks of making the lower story one room.

Hamman Emory is putting down a well on his Main Street property that will be ten feet in diameter, 20 feet deep. will hold 370 barrel. A fountain will be drilled- water for sprinkling the streets.

Quite an accident at Emory's big well -- workmen were completing the walling of the well when the scaffold gave way at the top, sending a barrel of brick and cement to the bottom.

A second scaffold lower in the well was broken - James Johnson and Elmer Holobaugh fell from the top to bottom, twenty feet.

News March 25th.

N. Crary on saving seed corn - keep it warm and dry all winter,

N.B. Hall- How to raise better fruit, buy good stock, graft your own

Equinoxial storm, much wind damage.

Cashier F.N. Horton had a job superintending the job of pumping the water out of the cellar of the bank. They did without fire - drain closed up.

Old settlers at Bryan to meet 3rd. of July.
Frank Clemmer and William Getty have formed a partnership to manufacture the Getty Improved Road Cart. Their shop will be in the building occupied by Diersteines Wagon shop - orders for several already.

News April 1, 1886
a letter: C.R. Coe from Colby, Wisconsin.
Bohemian Oats: by W.H. Harter. How I got in the business and how I got out.
Defiance will have a soldier's monument on the central school grounds, unveiled 2nd July.
Miss Amelia Swilley returned from Delaware where she was instructed in painting and wood carving. She has done a number of pictures in oil showing her to be a talented artist.

Bartlett and Nelson have purchased a large patent double cooler, manufactured in Toledo to be placed in their butcher shop.

News April 8, 1886
Election news.
Why do we have eggs on Easter?
Mr. Hill's denial - of complaining of soldier's pensions.
transfer: A.P. Edgerton to Miriam Micksell, lot 32 Edg. 2nd addition, $87.00.
Cicero: two men had an egg sucking contest, the one taking the least to pay for the pile. One scored 26 the other 24 in 15 minutes, afterwards taking a hearty supper.

TROTTING HORSES:
The year 1824 marks the day when 2:40 was considered remarkable. Maude S. the current champion came to front in 1880 with 2:10 3/4, her record 2:08 3/4 ect.

A.F. Nail, manager of "Drummer Boy" met with disaster here. A fire was built in the lower dressing room of the Pettit Opera House - the stove pipe going through the upper dressing room where clothing was too near the pipe. Fire started in the costumes, a second night scheduled as a benefit was poorly attended. That night his trunk with costumes was burned at the depot from spontaneous cumbustion. (tableau lights). Much of the clothing lost was property of locals, as well as the costumes furnished by Mr. Gingery.
teachers exam results: Myra Hanna, Nettie Hanna, Belle Hanna, certified.
Snow fell Monday night, 12 to 18 inches deep on the level, some had to dig ditches four to five foot deep to get to buildings. Dr Rakestraw says 36 years ago on the 25th of April, the snow was 20 inches deep.

Samuel Stafford a boy of 12 while running a saw used in notching tent pins at Kerr Bro.met with a painful accident Saturday by the breaking of the "head block" and the contact of his right hand with the saw. The hand was badly mangled but Dr Phillips dressed it upwith only the amputation of the first finger.

News April 15, 1886 GAS or OIL
The energetic action of wide-awake citizens of Hicksville has raised $3,725.00 in amounts from $25 to $100, as soon as possible arrangements will be made to bore for oil or gas.As officers were elected it was decided to raise the capital stock to $4,000.00, and that 10% be paid in by Saturday

April 17th, 1886. Among the $100.00 share holders: Frank L. Forlow, A.P.Edgerton. George T. Nichols, E.W.Crook and John A Wilderson to choose the site for the well.
A well being drilled on Main - three men drilling, 75 or more men and boys watching.
It is suggested that the authorities place seats circus style before letting another job.
Just think of anyone without a cent of pay standing from 9 A.M. until 6 P.M., his eyes riveted on a derrick. Some step forward as the bit is raised to feel and punch the clay and tell how deep we are - when a few days ago he wouldn't have known if it were from the fifth strata or dropped off a wagon wheel. We ask all ladies to wade the mud and not go double file, etc. Sad Citizen:
Haley the murderer of Matt Crosby at Latty, Ohio; 3,000 people say they will take Haley out of the jail and hang him. Great excitement prevails.

CORN CULTURE details of planting etc.
ending paragraph - when one half the husks are white I cut and put in shock, Where corn will go 60 to 70 bushel to the acre, 60 hills to the shock is safest. corn will do to crib two or three weeks sooner than a shock of 100 hills. I generally commence to crib corn the 25th of October. My idea is to be a good corn raiser, a farmer should have good land, a good team, good plow and be a good plowman, and then take delight inraising- BIG CORN.

Gas notes: Bryan boring 1,500 feet for $1,700.00
Archibold well at 400 feet in salt water
Deshler has more gas than it knows what to do with.
Latest well at Bowling Green a big one almost equal to Findlay's monster.
Upper Sandusky paid $2.500 for a dry hole.
Leipsic gas and oil well a boomer, oil within 20 feet of the surface, company refused $10,000 for the well, now leasing land, purchased the pumping outfit, no stock for sale.
The citizen's well at Leipsic is 1,539 feet, a fine flow of oil obtained.
The record of drilling follows: clay 78 feet; limestone 606 feet, shale 400 feet, grey slate 100 feet, black slate 120, shale 8, oil sand 18 feet. oil raised to 1,400 fee in 4 hours,no salt water.
A professor Gunning predicts perpetual supply of oil and gas, also Prof. Leslie

School report.
a letter from Chicago, A.M. Hootman, a college teacher there.
G.F. Knight experiencing a lively demand for his patent tile drain scoop. Making a machine for forging the blades of the scoop.
Charles Krotz will spend $3.500 to veneer the Commercial Block. Mrs.. A.Simpson and Mr Krotz have agreed to build up the fronts of their buildings together, a solid plate glass brick front of the Commercial Block and G.K. Otis Clothing. The alley between the two business buildings will be built up and made into a business room.

News April 22,1886
GAS and OIL Committee touring towns that have drilled
Our Schools:
1877 344 students, $216,000 valuation for taxes.
1885 525 students, $367,000 valuation for taxes.
The increase in wealth has not kept pace with need to expand facilities.
It is hard to believe that a citizen would make statements on the street that would injure our schools, and yet we are forced to admit that it occurs. Faith in the earnestness of our teachers and the character and standing of the men who serve on the school board.
Instead of fault finding the board the superintendent and teachers, let us each in his place do what we can to build up and strengthen and increase the efficiency of our schools.

Merrit Carr of Antwerp jumped out of the buggy behind a horse that he slapped at the same time, was kicked in the throat and killed at the age of 26.

A letter from Juneau, Alaska to W.P. Gilbert, from Henry.. Board $7.00 per week, placer mining about played out Quartz mill going strong, one steamer a month, $60.00. Frank L. Forlow at 23 was the youngest Justice in Ohio..

The contractor had bad luck with the Village well near Pettit's, after going 60 feet struck packed sand, couldn't go further.

News April 29,1886
New process to reduce the cost of aluminum from $14.00 a pound to 23 cents per pound. Raw material is clay and Defiance sets on land rich in clay.
Village council contracting for lumber for side walks and street crossings. $12.00 per thousands for 3x12" plank 14 & 16 feet long. 1,000 feet of 1 1/4 x 4 to 6 " wide & 10 to 12 feet long; 500 feet of 2 1/2 plank 8 to 12 " wide 14 to 16 feet long.
Also council to purchase wind mill for town well.
Mrs R.F.Kerr (nee Otis) age 31 died, consumption.

J.W. Shepard, jovial agent at the B & O elevators in Hicksville
Mrs. M.E.Swilley has made an improvement in her property by removing the building occupied by Bartlett & Nelson butcher shop to the lot formerly occupied by Rev. John Hoffman house - opening making the hotel safe from fire.

Clarence Gilbert - cleaning a revolver left some cartridges laying about - when burned in a trash fire startled his mother and removed some skin from a porker in a pen.
Kerr Bros. just shipped 4 car loads of hardwood lumber to Scotland for building railroad cars.
Jacob Fitzcharles has purchased an engine and boiler and mill and will start a tile factory with his brick yard.
Three car-loads of soldiers passed through to the troubled west.
Village well completed at a cost of $76.00. with good water.
A.T. Palmer's new brick building ready by June 1st. a patent iron roof.
The space between it and Dalrymples drug store will be built up with two brick business rooms this Summer.

F. N. Horton will erect a fine residence on Smith Street. Queen Anne style of brick with stone foundation. He intends to build not so much for show as for comfort, will be heated with a furnace.

Who would not be a councilman? He is cussed if he does, and damned if he does not keep his eyes wide open and his faculties brightly burnished in the interests in the town.
If he does nothing he can't be re-elected , and if he goes ahead, does what is best ect--

May 6, 1886
Mrs. Julia G. Donafin death April 8th.
The Western Electric Co. Trying to secure a contract to light Defiance streets, put up four lamps Sunday evening. The churches were almost deserted and the streets thronged, to see the beautiful electric light.

Cicero: The assessor has been here; the dog can be taken out of the shed.
Council: Ordinance on construction of sidewalks James Casebeer resigned.
Council will construct three cisterns; one near the bank building on Main, one on High between Main and Maple, and one near Maple and High.
transfer: Geo. K. Otis to Amanda Palmer, NE 1/2 of lot 221 orig. plat, $800.00
Common Pleas Court.
The charter has arrived for the Gas drilling Co.

Farmers experimented with soaking their seed corn with coal oil to keep wire worms and cut worms from cutting the sprout. It was successful.

Buckeye Furniture Co. has manufactured several hundred dozen extension screens.
Jacob Dierstein of this place has joined the Western League and has engaged for this season with Minneapolis, Minn. baseball club at a salary of $1,000.00 per year as pitcher. He always was considered lightening on a pitch and can curve a ball in great style.

May 13, 1886
A sad citizen grievance about cleaning up our premises.
Common Pleas Court.
Ohio's Centennial Exposition 1788 to 1888 will take the place of the State Fair on the State Fair grounds. $100.00 in gold is offered for the best idea for the exposition.
Chicago police break up demonstration of anarchists, Dynamite exploded, several killed outright, 70 wounded. (Hay market riot ?)
Miss Rose Hilbert is teaching the Hart School.
Both flouring mills have reduced the price of flour to $1.30 per sack.
The derrick for the wind engine for the town well raised last night.
For five years after August 1st, Defiance will be lighted by electric light.
Samuel Hilbert and wife of Lansing are visiting Daniel Kleckner's.
The number of telephones in the U.S. 325,574 while in Great Britain 13,000.
Callendar and Johnston burned first kiln of tile Monday, now ready for delivery.
Mr. and Mrs. John Amadon of Bryan, visiting W.D. Wilsons- Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Amadon are sisters

.A.L. Harris an employee of Kerr Bros factory, put in 128 hours work from Monday A.M. to Saturday night- He worked day and night and had but four hours sleep in that time. If he could keep it up for a year or two, at that rate he might become a capitalist.
Weller and Hayes did an excellent job on the porch of Azarial Hattery's new brick building- one of the handsomest bricks in town.
Frank L. Forlow in Columbus last week can now sign himself Attorney at Law in Ohio.
The Hicksville Gas and Oil Co. met a the opera house, old officers re-elected, James Casebeer President, an assessment of 25 % made. Men coming from Findlay & Lima to look over the ground. Such a demand for borers, hard to get one to come.The well will likely be drilled on A.P.Edgerton property near the Trunk Slat property. He has generously offered to give the Co.one acre of land if they strike oil, if not the land is his. He will also lease what ever land they wish to drill on.
Richies - 79 High Street. Mrs. R.Murphy - Milinery Goods
W.O. Hughes 129-131-133 High Street.

News May 20,1886
Akim Benson of Lima will drill for oil in Hicksville, the Gas and Oil Co. will provide the boiler and engine, derrick and all piping, the contractors to bear all other expense and bore the well for 85 cents per foot to 1,600 feet - there after receives $1.00 per foot. The committee purchased an engine for $200.00 in Lima. Will drill on A.P.Edgerton land near the Trunk Slat Factory.
Defiance street lighting by a local company formed for the purpose.
Mrs. W.G. Hamilton Millinery Goods. opposite the burnt out district.
Mrs. E.M.Pettit is visiting her parents in Brookston, Indiana. will be gone until July when the house they intend to occupy is completed.
Mr. Jacob Leichty of St. Joe . was visiting her cousin Mrs. Dan Kleckner.

News May 27, 1886
ICE CREAMITES (sad citizen)
Obituary of Samuel Wallace Wilson, born Penn,. 15 Sept.1826, died Cicero May 23.
Williams Center: Letter to the editor W.H.Lane, regarding a letter in the Hicksville Independent.
THE CRANKS (one of them)
Miller & Jeffries # 2 and 3 in Casebeer Block.
Mrs. Sally A Coburn born Conn. Aug 22, 1819, laid to rest in Coburntown Cemetery,
Elder J. Hootman of Disciple Church.
Geo. K. Otis preparing to move into the Palmer Brick building June 1st.
At a meeting of the Gas and Oil Co.- another assessment of 25%..
William Hartle and Mrs. Ella Tracht (spa) married.
Peter Hilbert sends the NEWS to Solomon Hilbert at Grenola, Elk, Co. Kansas

Peter Hilbert of Cicero accompanied by his nephew Wallace Hilbert of Lansing, Mich. started Tuesday for Grenola, Kansas. Mr Hilbert to see the country and to visit his sons who reside in Kansas.
The Gas well will be put down in A.P. Edgerton's field just back of Webb's livery barn.
A cut-off saw running at 2,000 rpm at Hedges mill burst into ten pieces, one striking John A. Stone, severing the femoral artery and breaking the bone below the knee. Death resulted.
The derrick for the oil well must be a very substantial structure, 74 feet high, massive timbers, a three ring circus couldn't attract more people.
Mrs. Carrie Huber is engaged in making big improvements to her brick Hotel, the ALDINE, iron balcony on the front.
F.L.Forlow Esq. had a little experienced more pleasant to behold that indulge in.He has a pig at the rear of the lot which he feeds occasionally, when he thinks of it and has free time. Two pails of "slop" had accumulated and a plaintive squeal was coming from the pig pen. Frank having time took the pails and with a smile started for the pig pen followed by Mrs. Forlow - if she had not, disaster would have been averted - she stepped on a board which tripped Mr F. with his pails, the full contents of both pails lodged on the body of Mr Forlow

News June 3, 1886
The CRANK AGAIN (prohibition crank)
Some miserable sneak thief broke in to the old Settlers cabin on the fair grounds and took several articles.
Small boys make it a practice to climb the gas derrick - we are waiting for a fatality to write up.
A.W. Lewis who has a cheese factory at Ney will start a factory here next Spring.
There is a house in town that approaches the "fast" order we are informed.-should be nipped in the bud.

Decoration Day Program written up.

News June 10, 1886
COMMENCEMENT entire program.
Jacob Fitzcharles makes 4,000 4" tile a day.
Temperance Legislation. School Report:
First Lady Miss Frank Folson wed to President Cleveland.
Miller & Jeffries safe blown. Big joke; the safe wasn't even locked
B.S. Pettit has taken up a claim in Dakota.
Dr .Combs arrived in town to practice medicine.

Hotel ALDINE Miss C.T. Huber Proprietress, J.P.Sheridan manager, opens.

Teacher's pay published - reduced to allow one more teacher to be hired June 15th.

News June 17th.1886
transfer: A.P. Edgerton to Wm. Hartle, lot 13 Edg, 3rd add. $650.00.
letter from S.P. Buda Hayes Center, Nebraska
Wms. Center: Sixty car loads of ships timber gotten out by James Norris will be shipped from Bryan and Melburn.
The Defiance veteran's monument.
Daniel Hilbert's are driving a well, look out for an oil boom!
At a recent meeting of the Historical & Pioneer Assoc. of the Maumee Valley, a motion prevailed that all persons moving in to the Maumee Valley prior to 1850 would be considered "Old Settlers". Annual meeting at Fair Grounds 1st. Thursday, Sept. A. Forlow.Sec.

E.C. Akin, one of the contractors that was here Sunday missed the regular train, took the local to Defiance, met the driller there - heard so many bad things about the terra-firma here that he decided to get out of the contract. etc.
A MONSTER SNAKE Silver Lake, N.Y.
Geo. K. Otis has purchased the harness shop of Charles Remington who remains in charge.
Preparations are being made for a big celebration at Hicksville Sat July 3rd. The address will be made by the Hon. Charles Bowersox and there will be sack races, wheel barrow races and a great many other attractions. Arrangements have been made for electric lights in the evening. In the afternoon the special attraction will be races at the Fair Grounds, between some well known horses. Other attractions will be provided to make the day a fitting and rousing 4th. of July celebration. Prepare to spend the 3rd. at Hicksville and have a big time
The military band will give their weekly concert Thursday evening
The Alumni Association of the graduates of Hicksville High School was organized last week
Mrs Nora Shepard President; Miss Jennie Otis. Secretary. The members entire graduates:
Jennie Otis, Ella Weaver, Ella Everitt, Ada Platter, Angie Wright, Luther Wesner,
Lura Hamilton, Mary Sinn, Nora Farmer, Carrie Brown, Kittie Meek, Belle Rittenour.

Boys Reading Club; officers: E.A.Swan Pres. W.S. Hammile, V.Pres., O.Overholt Sec. M.L.Wesner Treas. Will meet Wed. eve.-Program Discussion 1 hour;
Essay "Our Country's Future" Will Oswalt, recitation; selected reading from Longfellow, "The Lost Youth" F.W. Sarvis; address "The Literature of Today" W.S. Hammile.
Critic's Report: L.F.Comparet. adjourn.
Scarlett fever epidemic 2 1/2 miles south of Mark Center, there have been three deaths, four more are very sick with it. There were also two deaths in one family near Cecil this Spring. Dr Welty had some sixty cases the past Winter and Spring at or near Mark Center, and had good success in the treatment of the disease.

News June 24, 1886
To the Honorable, The Council by Sad Citizen, (more than one column)
A band stand is needed for the band, in the Winter could be used by W.O.Hughes to set in the center of the street to put hardware on.This firm has been doing business on the street for lo this many years and the only place they have to keep goods is on the street or in their store. We tear our Sabbath pants on a tricky corn planter- riven a shoe on a plow, barb wire catches skirts ten to one the $25.00 silk dress will be torn by the barb wire, ruined. Maybe it would be better to build a circle pavement out around the obstructions, or an archway over or a tunnel underneath. You will find a willing back and a strong supporter in a SAD CITIZEN.
West End: Willis Countryman returned from Richmond where he attends school.
Reminiscences of a journey to California. J.H.C.
a letter from Kansas, W.D. a full column. Six days Hicksville to San Francisco.

Village Council Meeting:

Petition to open Maple Street from Cornelia to Smith. Sam Meyerhoeffer..

Petition to vacate alley between Arthur and Cornelia East of Main St.

a letter from a Confederate

Bank Examination Merchant's and Farmer''s Bank. reported in good condition.

Dr Combs has returned to practice in Hicksville,Eye, Ear, Nose, Throat a Specialty for 15 years. In 1877 spent 4 months Manhattan Eye and Ear Infirmary, in 1880 spent 3 months with X.C. Scott prof. eye and ear Cleveland. This past year time at Will's eye hospital in Philadelphia where 10,000 patients are treated annually.

Geo K. Otis will move his harness shop to room formerly occupied by Cole's saloon next to the Commercial Block

One of the biggest nuisances Ohio people are afflicted with is the continual and everlasting examinations of her school teachers

Explosive prescription blows up in Pharmacists face.

A car load of dynamite is setting in Toledo, because Cleveland wont allow it in town. Could blow Toledo off the map

News July 1, 1886

John A. Foust to John C. Wilderson lot 14 & 4 fee of 15 in partnership add. $200.00.

That debate at Logan, J.S.

A Sham of Life. Wanderer

Another of Pasteurs patients has died of Hydrophobia..

Miss Amelia Swilley returned from Delaware Univ. where she has been studying animal painting.

News July 8, 1886

The Glorious Third. How it was observed in Hicksville. (a column plus)

Industrial parade - the gorgeous brilliant earth & illuminating electric lights. Considerable betting on the races. Men who do not possess the wealth of a Vanderbilt were eager and willing to put up from 5 cents to $500.00.

Fourth and so forth Column + get on your pants and out on the street to see what others may be doing. Come with me now to a prominent corner of the street and see and hear what we can. Why not the, Marshall won't say anything. - He will make no move, you won't get drawn in, why he's been Marshall about 3 months and hasn't drawn in anything that we know of except his salary etc. and very late at night when the lemon rinds have been used three times. SAD CITIZEN.

The Defiance Telephone office handles 500 local calls and about 35 to 40 from outside on five toll lines.

Logan: items from last week

Geo K.Otis first door East of the Central Block (clothing, harness)

H.Bricker and Co., meats, Beef steak 7 to 9 cents per pound, 2nd door E. of Ainsworth,. Boon and Bevington; also second door West of the Swilley House.

As soon as the brick are delivered Warren Cole will begin work on his brick building between the Palmer Building and the Central Block. One story 20 x 60 feet, will be occupied by Bricker Meats.

Directors of the Gas Co. additional 15% assessment. The gas well is pushing steadily despite some delays. 50 feet of quicksand for 25 feet after this 25 feet of blue clay, then 10 feet of black slate then gravel and now down over 150 feet are in lime stone and no longer driving casing.

Last week Thompson, Wilson and Forlow purchased of Charlott Krotz the building and lot occupied by Whirledges Saloon - also the vacant lot between the saloon and the J.C. Ryan residence.

Constable Hill and night watchman Nelson were dodging a couple suspicious characters one night last week but saw nothing to warrant arrests

News July 15, 1886
Blessedness and cussedness 1 and 1/2 columns. Wanderer Denominationally.
Miss Anna Hartle and Mrs. Wm Hartle of Hicksville visited Hall's corners.
West end: Lawrence Fitzcharles laid up a few days, injuries from wrestling.
Willis Countryman returned to Richmond, diligent application is bound to win.
Friday June 3rd while Frank Gingery of near Logan was mowing grass his three year old boy unobserved by the father ran in front of the cutting bar and had both feet cut off. just above the ankles - still alive at this writing.
Teacher' Institute Report.
The rope broke at the Gas well, 40 feet of rope going down the well, had to send for tools to fish the drill out. now in gravel at 200 feet.

Cleveland Leader:

One of the liveliest young men about Washington is A.P. Edgerton the Civil Service Commissioner. Though hair and beard are like snow he is full of mental and physical vigor, and he grows quite indignant over the charge that he is about to leave the Civil Service Board. Mr. Edgerton has known all the prominent men back to VanBuren, a most courteous and gentlemanly of men I have ever known (etc) Who is their greatest man you have ever known? "Daniel Webster" "Calhoun was a man of great intellectual ability a very fascinating man to know, popular with young men, great personal magnetism. I was in Congress when Pierce was President, a very popular man, a scholar & cordial in his manner. Tom Benton a man of great ability and Stephen A. Douglas had a wonderful following in the North - it seems to me that we have not had a great Democratic leader since he died. Thoroughly in sympathy with the Union if he had lived the South would have seen that there was no possible chance of their getting assistance North of the Mason Dixon line.

One of our prominent Congressman living on the Fort Wayne road is not setting a good example- his sidewalk is broken down with weeds growing through it. Let the sidewalk committee have a look at it.

A female equestrian was killed in Toledo riding backward on a horse, her head hit a quarter pole, killing her instantly. The show went on after her removal
Mrs. Mary Parker and Miss Viola Smith have opened their Millinery in the ALDINE hotel.

News July 22, 1886
HABBITS 1 1/2 column by Sad Citizen.
Men and boys congregating in front of our hotels making uncomplimentary remarks about our families as we pass by etc.

A youth of tender age courting our daughter - progress from the front gate to the porch, from April to now, etc. But young man our rules must be obeyed and should the worst come you can blame yourself and not an indulgent but grievously vexed
Sad Citizen.
Law suit against W.O. Hughes and J.C. Wilderson over an adv. that appeared in the Independent accusing John Blakeslee of fraud over trying to sell two volumes of Grant's memoirs rather than volume one they had ordered.- he had them sign what they thought was an order for one--later written as two.
Miss Verretta Arrantz closed the term at Thompson school.
The Festival at Wartenbee's Grove was well attended. Friday evening the Hicksville Cornet Band furnished the music. During the festival a sneak thief entered W.Thompson barn and carried off a halter and other parts of harness. The pilferer is known and better return the articles and avoid exposure.

Defiance: As could be expected the enforcement of the law with regard to cattle running loose in the streets has raised a rumpus with those with small dairies on public pasture. Their wrath is aimed at the Mayor and the Marshall..

Defiance County ditch bonds to the amount of $6,400.00 bearing interest of 6% will be sold the 16th of August.

The old Fort Grounds is a great resort this hot weather, scores of people congregate every Sunday.

Lost Creek: David Ridenouer came near burning out last Saturday, little Homer while playing on a shed roof kindled a fire. When the roof caught fire he screamed for his mother. But for the timely work of the hired man all the buildings would have burned.

Defiance Normal College opens Aug. 10, and Sept.1, 1886, Not a money making operation but a school for educating youth.

Charles Krotz has purchased of Ainsworth Boon and Bevington, 4 acres of land on the street running past the Randolph Stave factory East of Maple for town lots.. Of the 28 half have already been asked for.

The drill at the Gas well became unscrewed this A.M. leaving a portion at the bottom of the well, now 350 feet.

A meeting at the Knight's of Labor Hall to form a prohibition club.

Charles Krotz decided not to veneer the Commercial Block, will leave it just as is.

Dr. Combs is having an office fitted up over the Central Furniture Store in Krotz Opera block.

Myron Schell, G.O. Coburn and Fremont Nelson invoiced A.R. Steelsmith's stock of groceries and fixtures, total $552.00. liabilities $1,500.00

Arrangements are being made to erect two brick business rooms between G.K.Otis Clothing Store and Dalrymples - the room next to Otis by Bricker Meats, the room next to Dalrymples the Post Office.

B.F. Casebeer has returned from Missouri, is well pleased with the country. L.E. Griffin returned Saturday but will return shortly to attend a murder trial in which he has been engaged at attorney for the defendant. He has not decided whether he will move west.

Attempt to lynch Bill Haley at Paulding (stabbed Matt Crosby at Latty last Spring)

Mrs. Crosby was so shocked that she died a few weeks after. 150 masked men demanded the keys to Jail.Sheriff Swain good humoredly complied.(he had been for warned and moved Haley out of the County the evening before.) Two young men met the masked men several miles from Paulding and were forced to accompany them.

William Knight one of the famous Mitchell Raiders told of the adventures of the party at the Opera House Saturday evening. (they stole a Confederate locomotive)

Cicero: L.A. Battershell Dry Goods And Groceries

News July 29th, 1886

David Stull to Jacob L. Snyder lots 191-192 & 20 x 200 off Bryan Rd. $900.00

Christopher Countryman of Ashland Co. visiting relatives here

Webster dam repaired and the mill is running.

THEN AND NOW

Contrast between harvest times of today and yesterday. The battle in the field was a fearful one, an army of men was required to follow the reaper to take up the grain usually two on reaper to run it, two or three to follow, gather and tie. at the house no less great a struggle all the cooks in the neighborhood - by the time the harvest was in shock the larders were empty and the chicken yard quiet. etc.

Today with the self-binder the grain can be got in, the corn not neglected as in the past.

The editor is gone. Questions and answers.

The swamp land of S.E .Allen County is to be re-claimed by the Little River Ditch of 44 miles. The contract is $137,000 .

Obit. of Dr. James B. Taylor.
Necessary to erect an auditorium at the well site for onlookers. Down over 500 feet-strong vein of sulfur water necessitated taking the casing out again. Prof. Ed Orton of Ohio State Geological Survey says local well will have to go through 900 feet of limestone.

News Aug. 5, 1886 T.G.Dowell, editor
Daniel Hilbert's wind pump is now completed. The pump and tank are under roof, they are using one of Coolley's Creamers, the wind pump and creamer work well together

Defiance: The annual meeting of the Maumee Valley Pioneer Association will be held at Turkey Foot rock August 20. Gen. W.H. Gibson will be the orator, the 92nd. anniversary of Wayne's defeat of Indians at this place
Charter of the new railroad , Defiance to Paulding. J.C. Woods, L.B. Peasle, A Sauer, R. Ekhart and J.C. Boyd.
Wm. Gould fell into a saw at John Marshall's saw mill - he endeavored to cant a log into place, the hand spike slipped and he was killed.
Obit of Joseph Martin.
T.H.B. Correll begins the foundations for three brick business rooms on the burnt area.
Wesner moves the Post Office to the East room of Commercial Block
Mrs. John Warner has in her possession a half brick which is out of the first kiln of brick made in this part of the country. The kiln was on the old Jesse Haller place at Lost Creek The kiln was on the old Jesse Haller place at Lost Creek. Was 10 x 15 or 18 feet and held 3,000 tile put up and burned by her grandfather, Elias Bassett who later moved to Iowa where he died.
Mr. Arrowsmith tells of an incident with that kiln of brick which perhaps some old settlers have not forgotten..
News August 12, 1886
Defiance gas well at 1,400 feet, expect a Bonanza at 1,600 thern 1,700 and no gas.
Pic nicks and other nicks, including criticism of cheap erronerous spending, much time on sidings.
Local Gas well at 550 feet.
Miss Mary Hardy after five weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forlow started Friday for her home at Huntington, Penn.
The Old Settlers of Maumee Valley plan to hold a meeting at Antwerp Friday the 10th. of September, the anniversary of Captain O.H. Perry's Victory on Lake Erie.

News August 19th, 1886
Lost Creek: Misses Maggie and May Vasbinder have spent eitht weeks with their Aunt Mrs. Andrew Hilbert. Miss May will return to Jewett, while Maggie will remain and teach in one of the departments of the Hicksville schools.

Nelson Brothers Groceries a 62 High Street.

It is certainly a shame to see the stave factory stand idle and rot down as it is. If not practicable to use it for a stave factory there are other branches; as a basket, hoop or something. As yet in litigation but in interest of all parties to settle.

Kerr Brothers payrolls at different factories in which they are interested, handle, saw, and table. 72 hands and employ 20 teams. The brothers commenced their new factory 140 feet long with all conveniences. When finished will move machinery from the old building..

Attention: Old Settlers. Annual Reunion at Fair Grounds Thursday September 2.
All Old Settlers who will give us a ten minute speech, hand in their names.

The school board has rented for a period of three years a portion of the floor over Dalrymples Drug Store for class rooms.

Among improvements in our village - are those on Chicago Avenue. Last year Daniel Zuber and Clarence Gilbert built two houses, now Charles Moore and William Mann each occupy neat homes there and now Ora Gilbert and James Koons have frames up for two story houses with brick foundations.Chicago Avenue joins the Fort Wayne road at C.C. Lehman's home. Destined to be one of the nicest suburban locations in Hicksville.
BURR ROBBINS SHOWS Hicksville, August 26th.

News August 26, 1886
Attend the Hicksville Fair.
The work at the gas well is progressing nicely, 715 feet in limestone..
Logan: D.E. Arrowsmith has the frame of his house up and ready for enclosure and when completed he is returning to California, the purpose of which he knows best. When he gets a cage the bird will be easily caught.
We regret to learn that Rev. Armand Hamelin pastor of the Catholic Church for the past three years will leave us and will have charge of the Tousant Mission - Big Ditch and La Prairie.
His place will be filled by Rev. Ferdinand A. Schreiber whose mission will be Antwerp, Cecil, Delaware Bend, Hicksville, Junction and Payne.
Dixon Edgerton now an attorney in St. Marys, he and his partner Mr Mooney have leased 4,000 acres of land in the oil belt for favorable terms.
Defiance struck oil at 1,675 feet, the well will be "shot" this week..
Bryan well down 900 feet.
Village council advertizes for bids on cisterns.
Joseph D. Kerr broke gound for a handsome residence corner of Main and Edgerton Sts.

News September 2, 1886
The PIONEERS what they did at their meeting Thursday------after lunch all who came prior to 1850 had photo taken East of the Floral Hall.
Stewart Wartenbee of Indiana gave a short address.
Looking around sees few faces of old settlers who were his friends in earlier days.
Daniel Wentworth sang his pioneer song of 40 years ago.
He and a partner caught 97 coon in less than a month, sold the skins for $83.00.
His partner boarded him for the use of his dog.
D.W. Snyder sang an excellent song from 40 years ago.
"Then the girls took music lessons on a spinning wheel"
Wesley Sanford who came 43 years ago, sees very few he knew then. There were but two houses between Defiance and Farmer, would like to come back in a hundred years. When he arrived he had $5.00, if he has $10.00 now he has earned it

President Crary introduced E.G. Fay of Bryan who came 42 years ago. The country was a wilderness, coon skins were the circulating medium, bought most everything with them. The nearest mill was at Brunersburg. When a lady received a calico dress she was ready for church and fashionable parties; silk wasn't in fashion then.
Music by the band.
Edward Phelps of Defiance could go back farther than most - came 50 years ago. Sleds and wagons for conveyance, No wheat grown, flour at one time $17.00 per barrel .
Remembers staying over-night in Hicksville in 1837. Spoke of the privations of pioneer life, the building of canals, many canal contractors went bankrupt because of their ignorance of the country.
Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth read an address.

P.B. Nimmons of Indiana, came 44 years ago, came over today to see the log cabin.
Thinks it furnishes a fitting theme for poetry, the sight of it an inspiration; a grander sight than a brownstone mansion. L.W. Wilder sang his laughable Pioneer Song.
George Clemmer came 38 years ago Volunteered for the Army in 1862, spoke of army life, eulogized the life of the soldier. Came in 1842 to help make the country, went in '62 to help save the country.
The President called for A.P. Edgerton, but he was regrettably not present.
Lyman Landon came to Defiance in 1845. The country has improved and North West Ohio is the Paradise of the land.
N.B. Hall read an address in which he compared the present to 50 years ago. The same story of trial and privation can be told of Kansas and other States in the West..
He told of the early settlement of Hicksville, nearest Post Office Paynesville 11 miles distant.
Required 25 cents to get a letter out of the Post Office.. Fort Wayne population was 1,000, the first cabin in Auburn 1836.
Exercises of the day closed by the band.
One by one they pass away: Mary Hilbert, Robert Haver, Claresa Crary, .Adam Hilbert.
Mrs. Farnsworth's address a whole column.
A column on the coming Fair.
Marriage of G.M. Stall and Miss Hattie Kleckner.
G.W. Richie will leave Hicksville, see advertisment
Anchor Mills are supplying a popular merchant at Newville with flour..
The Post Office will be moved to it's new location next month.
Dakota crops were not a success this year, not enough rain..
John Rose and Elmer Holabaugh have the contract for the three city fire cisterns to be located as follows: at the Bank corner, S.W. corner of Main and High, in front of the Swilley House, and opposite W.O. Hughes, N.W. corner of Maple & High .
The three to cost $277.00..

Struck oil at last! workmen digging for Correll's new building found coal-oil that had soaked from the old building.

While out riding Sunday evening on Rock Street a dog ran out and bit the hind foot of the horse driven by Frank Snyder- which scared the horse, it started to run but was stopped before damage was done. Yesterday morning Frank saw the dog near Knight's Machine Shop and fired a revolver at him with the effect of silencing him forever.
Republicans of Defiance Co. met at Pettit's Opera House.
Henry Oswalt and Daviel Wentworth attended Pioneer Days at Paulding last week and told their stories.
Parker and Smith Milinery in the Hotel ALDINE Block.
A social will be held at the home of Peter Countryman.

News September 16, 1886
To Soothe the Savage Beast. Sad Citizen.
Mrs. Dora Fadley arrived from Delta Colorado to visit her parents the Daniel Hilberts.
The Board of Education of Springfield, Ohio has decided that it is improper for colored children to attend the same school as white, shouldn't mingle during the school hours.
The Old Settlers meeting at Antwerp Friday was pleasant. Henry Oswalt elected Pres.
Daniel Wentworth, Pres. at Paulding, old settlers should be given a chance to tell their experiences.
No little complaint about the close manner of confining children in Hicksville Schools, a tax payer.
Mistakes on the Maumee Bridge at Defiance will cost the tax payers an extra 5 or 6 thousand dollars.

The Hon. A.P. Edgerton is in town and will remain til after the Fair.

The drill is in the bottom of the Gas well and the "hands" are awaiting the arrival of tools with which to recover it. Not much progress in two weeks..

Hon A.P. Edgerton remarked recently that Edward Phelps of Defiance was the only man there that did one thing for our railroad.

Pioneers: Most enthusiastic meeting ever held. Why not someone raise some flax and have it broken hetched and spun. Won't someone card a little wool, set the spinning wheel going. A linsey dress, Id'd like tko see a hand mill and a mess of corn meal ground in a stump. We'd like to see a trowel such as champion masons used years ago, the tinder box, flint, gun lock; punk, or dried wood saved for starting a fire, before matches, a dug out or a bark canoe.

Younger people are anxious to know more of how it used to be done.

SIAM - near Attica, Ohio is excited over a case of grave robbery. A young girl was buried last Friday, Sunday a young doctor of Attica had his baggage captured at Toledo, something in a large trunk had a bad odor and the police broke it open and found the body of a young girl. He was immediately arrested. A couple gentlemen went to the grave and opened it finding the coffin empty. A later telegram says two other doctors have been arrested.

Fated Charleston - awful scenes of desolation miles of brick a stone structures in ruins, property loss exceeds $10,000,000. New Madrid remembered (nite of Dec.16, 1811)

The Fair: a small Special Edition.

When J.W. Lower started the milk service in Hicksville three years ago, he had eight cows, his increase in business can be judged by the present number (18) four of which are usually dry. He says there are 70 cows kept by people in Hicksville besides his cows and if he were to supply the entire quantity of milk used in town it would take three wagons to do it. He is working off all common stock building a herd of Holsteins which he thinks best adapted to his purposes.

Sept. 16, at the pleasant home of the bride's parents on Spencerville Street the marriage of Miss Hattie Kleckner and Mr. G.M. Stall was solemnized. Miss Nettie Kleckner played the wedding march, the officiating minister the Rev. J. Wesner followed by the wedding party entered the parlor The Groom attended by Prof. S.L.Lutz best man and Miss Maggie Wesner supporting the bride. The Groom appered in a suit of conventional black while the bride was attired in a neat dress of light brown silk with natural flowers. Having taken their places in the solemnand impressive service of the Lutheran Church they were pronounced man and wife. Congratulations followed, after which came a beautiful and well prepared dinner.The happy couple took the 223 train for the east and will spend honeymoon at the groom's home at Jewett, Ohio. The best wishes of a a large circle of friends attend the worthy and respected young people wish a bright and promising future. Relatives and friends from a distance: J.W. Gruber family of Roanoke, Ind.; W.J.Bowman family of Auburn. Following is a list of presents with the names of donors. Rocker Mr.. & Mrs Samuel Kleckner, Rocker Dr. and Mrs. Wansetler and Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Simmons. Table cloth and towels Mr. and Mrs. Madison Hilbert, Table cloth and bed spread Mr.and Mrs. Andrew Hilbert; Bedspread Mr. and Mrs,.J. Connelly - Bed spread Miss Nellie K. Towels G.W.Richie, Towels Miss Katie Mastin. Coral set and coral celery stand, David Waltz and Miss Addie Kleckner. coral spooner, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Kleckner, Toilet dressing set, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bowman. Bohemian vases, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Gruber, Silver sugar spoon and butter knife, Wm Battershell, Silver sugar spoon and butter knife, E.D. and M.M. Wesner; silver sugar spoon Miss Ella Cleland, Twenty yards of carpet, the bride's mother; pickle castor, Mr. and Mrs.. Dr. Richards; glass water pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kleckner; honey dish, Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Balser, crumb tray and brush, Miss Dessie Gruber; cup and saucer, Master Clyde Kleckner; glass set and water pitcher, Mr. and Mrs. A.L.Ridenouer; lamp, Miss Loma Ridenouer; toothpick holder, Master Orlo Kleckner; fancy salt cup, Miss Annie Ridenouer; toothpick holder, Charley Ridenouer; fancy pepper box, Master Elvin Kleckner; wash pan and cups, Miss Miriam Mikesell.; book, Miss Susie Hogoboam, glass dish Mrs. Samuel Kleckner, silver tea spoons, J.W. Kleckner.

September 21,1886
Special Fair Addition
Peoples Drug Adv. 125 High, G.W. Richie, 79 High Street
Meats Andress and Scott, next door to Central Grocery (John and Bruce)
Buggies, C.M. Overholt 53 Main Street. H.W. Hill Singer Sewing Machines 38 Bryan St.
W.O. Hughes and Co. Impliments, guns & Ammo, High St .East of Ainsw.B.& Bev. Co
H. Bricker Meats, nest door East of P.O. and next East of Hughes Co.
Central Furniture, (F.B.Grossman) Krotz Opera Block, corner of Maple and High.
G.K. Otis P.O.Block High Street. Wm. Shamo Barber, Commercial Block, upstairs.
Hair cut 20 cents, shave .10 , hair cut & shave .25,Shampoo .20, luster .05.
Kerr Brothers Lumber on B&O R.R. and at foot of Maple St.Hardwood & Pine Lmbr.
Elliott's Photography, Blodget Photo & Undertaker, Barry and Mitchell Bakery
G.K.. Otis Harness, E.M. Pettit, J.H. Smith, manufacture fine wagons & carriages.
John Pinkerton, Miller & Jeffreies Hardware, G.F. Knight Machine Repair Shops.
Coburn and Wright-- Baltimore Bakery; Dalrymples # 81 Central Block.
Sad Citizens reports Fair today and Wanderer who reports Fair in 100 years.
Flies around the candy stand are healthy looking.

Obit of Miss Belle Gay age 16
Village Council report- Bills allowed for fire cisterns. Considering accepting the Krotz addition, referred to the street committee.
Petition on Local Option clause of Dow Law tranted, recomend that the Mayor issue a proclamation submit to voters the question of Local Option to prohibit sale of intoxicating liquors. G.F. Knight, Mr. Warner, Joseph Kerr.
The School Board have adopted McGuffey's revised series of readers for the Hicksville Schools. In the past only a portion of the series was used, all books will be supplied at wholesale as Defiance does.
Sad Citizen's Views:

The couple on their first flirtation, as they walk from exhibit to exhibit at the Fair, the peculiar expressions as they discus paintings etc.

Three drunks intimidate the Marshal; Sunday afternoon Ward Robertson had been knocked down stairs at the Ehrhart Block. Robertson and two tramps had been drinking, got into a fight in the room over Bruce's Grocery and the two tramps had pounded Robertson's face with beer bottles and threw him downstairs. Watchman Nelson did not have the authority to arrest them, but he held them for an hour while the Marshal was looking up the law and his authority. When he arrived the door had to be broken down to get to them. Joe Fish was the one who broke the door down. The tramps have cussed watchman Nelson every night for two weeks defying him to arrest them. The Marshall was scarce lest he have to arrest them..

The man who sleeps in the back pew who thinks he could preach a better sermon than the one he thinks he heard.

The fellow that ornaments the railing at the race track observing that he could drive that horse in 1/3 less time than the driver & start him every time he came to score.

News Sept. 30, 1886

The two tramps were given their freedom Tuesday, as they seemed to be enjoying their confinement and no hurry furnishing bail. Drunk that night, a brick in hand, threatening their audience of small boys to brain anyone who tried to arrest them.

George W. Forder elected President of Paulding Co. Agriculture Society.

letter from Downs, Osborn Co. Kansas, (Solomon Valley) A seven year old village, 100 dwel-ings erected last Summer. Three churches, two hotels, two banks with a third bank expected. Crops: corn 40 to 80 bu.; rye 35, barley 15 to 40; wheat 15 to 40. Pure water, streams alive with fish; prairies abound with game. Five farms of 160 A. valued from $500. to $4,000.

The Mount Vernon Bridge Co. has begun work at last on the new bridge and claim to put up a bridge the County (or more properly Defiance) will be proud of.

Bohemian Oats case ended, Clarence Betts went home a free man. 1st, prosecution.

Gambling took place at Defiance Co. Fair Will ruin it if allowed to continue. Rev. Crary.

James Lindsay getting up sand preparatory to building a brick home.

Prof. S.L. Lutz of Mansfield is our Superintendant of Schools.

Remains of John Crowe brought from Big Rapids, Michigan and interred in Lost Creek Cemetery. His murderer John Van Nimmons is paying a too lenient penalty in prision

Three of the band boys went with John Shea to play professional engagements with a Dramatiic Company. They are: Chester Blodgett, George Wort and I.W. Ackley.

J. Kyle, salesman for G.F. Knight, aware the there are many lumber camps on the Cum-berland River in Tenn. without rail roads, rented a skiff and floated from camp to camp selling.

Fair: Victims of Spanish Poker or the shell game were many. Great deal of money lost.

transfers: Charlotte Krotz to Thompson, Wilson,Forlow lots 255, 256 $ 2,500.

A month after the finish date for the Maumee bridge; Nothing done since piers.

News October 7, 1886

Reunion of the Hart family at the home of Johnathon Hart, (1/2 column).

George Hart, grandfather of Johnathon and Frederick Hart was born and married in Germany. Parents of five children, three girls and two boys. John, born in New Jersey, married in Penn. to Elizabeth Miller of Summerset Co. fifteen children; eleven boys: Jacob, Luderic, Frederick, John, George, Johnathon, Samuel, Manuel, Joseph, Abraham & Isaac. Four girls: Barbara, Elizabeth, Susan and Catherind. Family moved to De Kalb Co. in 1854 where John married Catherine Bungard, widow of John Bukngard, later married Susan Marsh a widow.

W.S. Hart, Pres. Mrs. E.P Hart Sec. MIss Lillie Countryman and D.N. Hart V.Pres.

A serious wreck on the B&O west of Cromwell, Ind. Number 85 west bound in two sections and when the conductor of the first section stopped the train for a few moments to make repair shortly after starting left fourteen cars behind. Once discovered attempts were made to signal the second section. Foggy night, signals not seen, the second section ran into the detatched cars. Isaac Maxwell returning to Dakota with a car load of goods, riding in the caboose, was thrown up into the air and can remember looking down at the smokestack of the engine as it plowed by. He lit beside the track near the fourth car, right collar bone broken, foot smashed, seriously bruised and cut. He lost his bill fold with $65.00, a cow, a buggy and household goods. 20 cars wrecked, engine badly damaged, 14 cars thrown off. No one else seriously hurt. the engineer and fireman bruised. The caboose was literally torn to pieces.

W.O. Hughes Co. purchased the lots west of the Krotz Opera Block, intend to erect a substantial brick structure 50 x 100 with a cellar.

Enumeration of Hicksville Special School District: 277 male white youth, 276 white female total between 6 and 21, 553; between 15 & 21. 149.

School books available at stationery stand of Mr. Wesner in Post Office.

Reunion of family of John Nelson. (microfilm).

Law that each Co. is to levy 1/10 mil for relief of indigent soldiers and their widows.

News October 14, 1886

Address of weldome to Co. F. of the Ohio Volounteer Infantry. Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth.

a letter: from D.B. Hilbert, Washington Territory, Silcot, Washington. Within eight miles of the Idaho border, a six year old settlement. R.R. not here yet but at Lewistown, Idaho. As we are on the Snake River we do have boat transport up as far as Asotin. Hilly country, poor roads, crops wheat, barley, oats, flax and potatoes. Nights are too cool for corn, winter six months long, three or four weeks of hot weather, cool nights.

NOTICE: P.M. Eldridge will buy ashes after Nov. 1st. Exchange ashes for trade.

Hicksville School Report: Lists all students by grade. (microfilm)

Contractor Priddy gives up on the gas well, someone else will be hired to proceed.

Local Option has carried.

Clemmer & Getty purchased the old Crowl Wagon shop and moved to a lot east of the Stave Factory. Will be used to manufacture their road cart. Sold 40, material for 70 more.

Hundred from here attended the Kendalville Fair. Gate 12,000.

Married, C.M. Hawkins of Allen Co. and Miss Ida Otis of near Hicksville, at home of bride's father Merril Otis, Oct. 7. Fifty invited guests, Rev. A.C. Gruber, brother in law of bride officiated Presents of the better class, listed.

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Eliza Carpenter, cancer on forhead 20 years, cured by Dr. F. G. Arter.

Defiance School enumeration: 2,113 against 2,184 in 1885. Census: 6,589 vs 6,688 in 1885. There are 65 vacant houses in the city.

First death at the Children's home. Carrie Mitchel age 8, blood poisoning.

Hay at a high price, $14.00 a ton.

News October 21, 1886

Judge Patton building a carp pond at Fountland. 150 x 100, an island in the middle that will either be planted with peach trees or strawberries. Water supplied by three fountains.

About a hundred from here attended Kendalville Fair,12,000 gate.

Mr. I.S. Miller slandered by saloonists; many sign testimonials to his character. It is a disgrace to the town that there should dwell here men capable of such falsehood and malicious misrepresentation. The rum seller has met his Waterloo. Hicksville showed it's true colors on the vote for local option. The vote was 286 yes; 92 no. Nearly a full vote. The saloon keepers made a strong effort but as one admitted their efforts made 75 votes for the opposition.

Throw away your old tin cans and buy flower pots at Peoples Drug.

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Hon. Benj. Patton finishing a pond 150 x 100 at his residence to be stocked with carp. Island in the center that he plans to plant with peach trees or strawberries. The water supplied by three fountains.

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Cicero:

Andrew Hilbert, Leslie Husted and Madison Hilbert wife and son attended the Waterloo Fair Thursday. Addison Kleckner, Mat Sinn and others too numerous to mention attended Kendalville Fair.

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Eliza Carpenter who has suffered with cancer that occupied her forhead for twenty years, has been cured by Dr. F.G. Arter.
Cured and healed.

News Oct. 21, 1886

Fall Idyls: Overcoats should he but aren't worn, so much trouble. Windstorm took out all the signs on High Street.
Shall our quail be killed? Beautiful to behold, beneficial to farmers.
Fountain Chapel Corners:

Miss Clara and Will Donat attend school in Hicksville.
The stalwart boys and handsome girls of the Maumee pulled taffy at the residence of Samuel Reeb.

West End:

Wild geese making their southern flight.

Reuben Fitzcharles is building a new house near the brick yard.

School Board of Milford resolved schoolhouses not to be used for any other purpose than day schools.

Some parties without permission felled a bee tree on the farm of James Lindsay, but made a satisfactory restitution.

Lost Creek:

Dick Arrowsmith started for California.

Grammer school at Arrowsmith school house.

William Arrowsmith of Chicago visiting Miller Arrowsmith.

Defiance:

The old historic apple tree of which Defiance has been so proud was blown down during the storm Thursday. At one time it measured 26 feet in circumference. Was the largest known apple tree in the U.S. if not in the world.

Will Jarvis has contracted with a firm for a complete butter factory or creamery. Churns run by steam, a huge ice house for storage. It comes complete with the office furniture.

The County children's home has 24 residents, infirmary has 36.

transfers:

Francis M. Thompson to Sarah P.Taylor,lot 47&E 15 feet of lot 46 Edgerton's first addition.$ 1,700.00

As soon as Wesley Batchelor vacates the room now occupied by the hardware, Al. Maxwell will occupy with a feed store.

Ben Maxley erecting a frame house in Hattery's addition,
John Wise will erect a brick.

Ainsworth Boon & Bevington have an ingenious machine that puts buttons on shoes. It works by a treadle.

Archbold Herald:

Dr. Sabins will go to their new home on the Pima Indian Agency in Arizona, salary $ 12,000. a year. Came to Hicksville from Archbold. We are glad for Dr. Sabin but it will be mighty hard on the Indians.

Charley Krotz latest addition to Hicksville is a mammoth eleven story block between Mrs. Simpson's building and the Commercial Block to be occupied by the shoe shop of J.P.Whelan.

Last Thursday A.M. when John Griest attempted to start the dust carrier at the Kerr Brothers Co. factory his right arm was caught in the belts and broken between elbow and wrist.

Dr. W.S.Williams of Kendalville, Ind.and Miss Jennet Otis wed.

Maysville: Most hogs have cholera.

Clay and Crowell have started a broom factory in the old Post Office. under A.R. Steelsmith.

The B&O now sells tickets to Philadelphia, by mid November trains will run through to New York. John Pinkerton bought first ticket to Philadelphia.

John Ames has made 350 barrels of cider and 400 gals. of molasses.

C.A.Weaver & E.E.Hale are busy making apple barrels for James Casebeer.

Nuptials of Miss Clara and Warren E. House of Jamaica West Indies, 100 guests. (one half column.)

Marion Ohio Star: Orchestra with Henderson Drama Co. Six men yet
furnishes music of high order.

From A.P Edgerton in Washington, I presume Wanderer is the Sad Citizen. I like these short paragraphs, they like Hogarth's pictures, mirth colored but benevolence designed them, his successful career like Petroleum V. Nasby started by printing heretofore unneeded talks of a corner grocery Democrat in Findlay. etc.

Council: Ordinance committee authorized to take up writing of ordinance on local option.

The following agreement presented by J.M. Ainsworth:

I this day guarantee that Charles W. Krotz will properly grade as soon as the ground is suitable, the streets of the Krotz addition to the village of Hicksville, as well as extending the grade on Edgerton Street to the railroad property. Council also moved to accept the Krotz addition.

News Oct. 28, 1886

Audubon Society for the protection of birds is now incorporated, enters it's second half year with a membership of 12,000. There ought to be ten times as many members. Circulars sent free. 39 Park Row New York.

Defiance Items:

A little on the history of the apple tree on the north bank of the Maumee which was remarkable for it's age. When the first white settlers cleared the forest along the river they found a row of apple trees which according to the Indian traditions were planted by missionaries prior to the 18th century. The one just destroyed was the last. Beneath it's branches OCCONOXEE the last chief of this locality was born. He died forty years ago at the age of 83. Venerated by the Indians, the tree was pointed out to all visitors at the fort.

Measured seven feet in diameter, twenty-six feet in circum-ference. It's shadow fifty feet wide when the sun was at it's zenith. It was known to bear two hundred bushels in one crop. Due reverence for such a fallen monarch would be to make it up into mementos such as canes. .

Tuesday noon another terrible casualty occurred at the second street bridge over the Auglaze. Leroy Wygant of Hartzburg and son were on the way across the bridge from the Turnbul Wagon Works when they stopped to descend the eastern abutment for a certain purpose. The son climbed the railing and made the descent allright, the father however lost his balance and toppled over the railing, fell hitting his head on the stone and died.

The Erie Mills owned by Arbuckel & Ryan of Toledo are being enlarged remodeled and improved. Another story added and sixteen pairs of Stevens rollers installed. A capacity of 2,200 barrels of flour a day needing one thousand bushels of wheat. The B&O is to lay a side track to the mill. Total cost of enlarging and repairs $8,000.00.Defiance.

Talk of changing the route of the Mackinaw R.R. Paulding to Defiance missing Cecil, if friends of the change will donate right of way and grade the line from Paulding to Defiance.

transfer:

John M.Ainsworth to Charlotte Krotz a tract in Hicksv.	$ 800.00
Fred Eckart to Levi W.Wilder a tract in Hicksville	350.00
N.A.Meyers to Elder Humbarger34 1/2 acres sec 18 Hix.	1,000.00
Delos W. Sargent to Wm. D.Hughes lot 237 & 60 feet off the N.W. end of lots 238 & 239 in Hicksville.	
Jo Rex to George Strain 10 A. Sec 14 Hicks. twp.	500.00

J.F.Haller has our thanks for a copy of the first newspaper published in Hicksville, the "Hicksville Independent".Francis Brooks Prop.J.W.Cummings Editor. Thursday September 10, 1874, changed in a few years to the Hicksville News. Four pages, seven column sheet, with seven columns of advertising: R.D.Wort Notary & Real Estate, Carpenter & Biglow livery and sale stable, Ainsworth Boon Bevington, S.T.Kinsey, D.Stull, U.E.Babb Dry Goods and Groceries, Clay Crowl & Co. prop. of Hicksville Stave Co. J.D.Phillips Pres. F.W.Colby Sec. B.M Rakestraw and Kinmont and Sager Druggists, J.W.Babbage Jeweler, Pinkerton and Weldon Mfr. of wagons, carriages etc. I.P.Blakeslee Furniture. J.A. Miller baker & grocer, W.S. Richards groceries and provisions. Smith Webber shoe makers. Besides home firms there are two and a half columns of adv. for Defiance firms. Other locals mentioned: J.D.Kerr & Co. sawyers and mfrs of shingles, Palmer Bros. Furniture, Mr. Barkman groceries & provisions.

The Union Hotel prop. Mr. Swilley, the Parker House owned and controlled by Mrs. Parker, J.B.Moore shoe maker, A. Hidey & Charles Sherwood harness makers, one barber shop mentioned A.B.Crary.

Population was then about 1,000, now over 2,500.

Items: Telegraph corps reached here with wire for the B.& O.R.R.

The Union School nearing completion. Our village at the present time has every indication of future prosperity. All this was 12 years ago. Hicksville has changed since that date. Only one firm remains of those doing business here, the Ainsworth, Boon Bevington Co. and the News, with the rum curse abolished, Hicksville has a successful future.

Ninety-nine years ago the Continental congress passed ordinance of 1787, the organic law of the North West Territory, widely known as the "Compact of Freedom" . The Ohio State Historical Society plans to celebrate with a Centennial Exposition in Columbus the fall of 1888.

Mr. Mikesell and family of Jewett, Ohio have moved here to make their home.

Building for Kerr Brothers new factory now up, work progressing on the brick boiler room.

The County Commissioners will sell a contract to build a bridge across Gordon creek near the residence of Thomas O'Niel.

Charlie Boy, a Chinaman from Fort Wayne has started a laundry in the room formerly occupied by Bricker Meat Market. He is totally devoid of the pigtail attachment peculiar to his race.

B.F. Casebeer goes to LaMarr, Mo. family to follow next spring.
He will engage in farming and stock raising.

A young man traveling about the Country selling watches on the instalment plan. Takes two dollars on delivery. Soon after the sale another young man comes along and claims the watch is stolen and proves possession by giving the serial numbers and takes it away.

The Red Book, Statistical Information Annual has become the Political Text Book. Authority on the election results, sent without money or price by enclosing a stamp. C.K.Lord, Baltimore, Maryland.

Defiance Democrat:

Fontland, home of the old enemy of the "School Book Ring" and one of the few surviving members of Jackson's administration is indeed attractive. Because of it's distinguished occupant and it's novel and interesting environment. His garden is a sight worthy of any one and his government relics and collections, likenesses, medal and letters open fresh and most interesting pages of history. Mr. Patton is a good conversationalist and delights to indulge his guests in friendly hospitality.

A case without precedent in the State being tried in Bryan.
The directors of the Williams Center School have brought charges against Mr. M.R.Scott on account of alleged intoxication at a party while employed in their schools as a teacher.

R.J.Battershell has traded his house and lot at Cicero to David Kleckner for his house and lot in Hicksville. Mr. Battershell has resigned as postmaster and Mr. Kleckner will assume the position.

Nov. 4, 1886

Front page has many cartoons on the election.

Column by Rev. Samuel P. Jones:

Young men who stand on the street corners and say smutty things as the church folk are passing.

A place where you can sit for hours with your thoughts on one subject with your mind centered on the person with whom you have to do, and your mind not wander from the text. That place certainly is the Dentist's chair

Young gentlemen at their rooms in the Casebeer Block entertaining their friends. The party given by The Congenial Association of Matri-monial Candidates Friday evening was a grand success. Sixty invited guests present, a good feeling of mirth prevailed till the small hours. Six rooms in use , one as a reception room, one as a dancing room, one as a dining room, others for social games: croquette, cards etc. The Dancing room tastefully decorated, Japanese lanterns hung from all the upstairs windows of the block. A grand supper served by Coburn and Wright, music by Messrs. James Hall, Frank Snyder and B.L.Evans. Political excitement, the Charleston earthquake laid in the shade when Ben unexpectedly took position behind the fiddle, where he remained the rest of the evening. The hosts were dressed in wild costumes in all bright colors, trimmed in all sorts of lace, rubies and brilliants.

Judge Patton went to Mansfield by invitation to be present at the Intermediate Penitentiary corner stone laying.

F.W. Harmon of Milford husked last Friday in ten hours, 75 shocks of corn, 48 hills to the shock which made 113 bushels.

Gabe Fish returned from six months in Nebraska, he intends to remove to the State in the not too distant future.

Charles Krotz addition to Hicksville contains 22 lots 9 of which have been sold. (opposite Kerr Brothers factory)

Although it is unlawful to shoot quail, some were shipped from the Hicksville Depot Saturday. The "pot hunter" is never very popular among sportsmen. There should be a law in Ohio against shipping game.

transfer:

Charles Krotz to Ed Crook & Robert Kerr lots 11,12,13,pt lot 22 Krotz addition	$ 500.00
Charles Krotz to John C.Wood lots 8 & 9	300.00
T.H.B. Correll to Samuel Ornweg Mark 40 A. Sec 18	800.00

The Case Scientific School Building at Cleveland burned last week with a loss of $ 2,000,000.00 insurance $75,000.00.

Defiance:

Winter apples selling for 35 cents a bushel.

Twenty four cases on the docket in Circuit Court. Among them the cele-brated Krotz, Werthimer, Winterstine case.Only sitting for two days.

Ex-postmaster Evans received a warrant for $380.00 being part of the salary as Post Master 1866 to 1868 still a balance due from the Government.

News Nov.11, 1886

Woman Suffrage in Wyoming, (more than one column.) Continued over the next two weeks. The first Legislative Assembly of Wyoming conferred on women the right to vote under the same rules and restrictions as men. The succeeding assembly tried to repeal but they and those since have failed. "The interest in home and family has not suffered from the increased interest in public affairs" as had been predicted by opponents.

R. Arbaugh and J. Vasbinder of Jewett visiting Andrew Hilbert family. Mr. and Mrs. Husted of near Antwerp visited Andrew Hilberts Sunday.

Mr.& Mrs. Hilbert and Mr.& Mrs. C.Battershell visited the infirmary.

Uncle Henry Oswalt celebrated his 75th birthday.

transfer:

R.J.Battershell to David Kleckner a parcel Hix.Twp	1,200.00
David Kleckner to R.J.Battershell parcel Hix. Village	

Judge Bowersox and Rev. Crary will debate Prohibition.

Report of the Hicksville Public Schools, lists all students.

Defiance Items:

The bridge has now been four weeks under way, one span completed.

The electric light engine proven too small and new 125 horsepower Russel engine replaces.

Circuit Court convened Tues, 25 cases but the judges allotted but two days. Krotz Wertheimer, would consume more time than that. Great dissatisfaction with the judges.

Temperance cause ladies are about to present a petition on local option. Partly because of a refusal of saloon men to pay the Dow tax. Some will pay their tax immediately to avoid the storm that is coming upon them.

Garrett will soon be lighted with electric lights.

The first iron burial vault used here by Wilderson Co. in the burial of Mrs. Wallace Jackson. Sure protection from grave robbers.

C.C.Shank who resided here 17 years ago now of Tuscarawas Co. is visiting his uncle Jacob Shank, and his grandfather Benj. Forlow.

The drill is fast again at Bryan.

1,000 bushels of potatoes raised on reclaimed swamp land of W.Thompson, Milford.

Orchestra boys have returned after six weeks, dissatisfaction with leader the prime cause.

Daniel Hilbert left two radishes, one 2 foot in length two feet in circumference, weighs 17 pounds.

Joseph Kerr's new residence near the M.E. Church, S.Main, is assuming fine proportion.

Arrangements had been made with a Mr. Dewey of Toledo to rent the Stave Factory here. However when it came to closing Mr. Theodore Williams of the Norwalk Bank who has the saying refused to rent it, wants $6,000.00.for it so a valuable industry sits idle.

Edgerton Observer:

It is said that Frank M. Thompson of the law firm has purchased the News office of Thad. Dowell and will make it a Democratic paper.

News Office:

We had an offer, not from Mr. Thompson but refused to sell.
It will be a cold day when it nails another color to the masthead
than Independent Independent in all things; Neutral in nothing.

Miss Amelia Swilley is accepting pupils in oil painting, crayon work and wood carving. She requests all persons wanting crayon work for decorating for holiday presents, hand work in at an early day to enable completion on time. She has been asked to organize a class in Garrett.

Bryan Democrat:

Scott, case of Williams Center teacher accused of being intoxicated, Decided in favor of Scott, engaged as teacher for coming year. The charge raised a "boobery". in the village that at an entertainment in the village Scott had not conducted himself properly. The local board split and the community took sides pro and con.

Bowersox accepts Rev. Crary's challenge to debate.
One night in Bryan and one night in Hicksville.

Our forefathers- if we leave it to the evolutionists to guess where we came from and to the theologians to prophecy where we are going; we still have left for consideration the fact that we are here and under very interesting circumstances. We are all interested in ancestry, somewhere a relative may have left this earth by a hempen cord.

News Nov. 18, 1886

Hicksville from hamlet to city.

A short sketch of her as she was and as she is today. An interview with her business men and the a sketch of their lives. A look into a few of the business houses and what we see. by Charles M. Fisher.

In the year 1837 there came form N.Y. in the interest of the Hicks Land Company, Hicks Smith and Macy and the American Land Co. a highly esteemed gentleman, Alfred P. Edgerton. He laid out the town, built mills and made extensive improvements. A Ransom Osborn came with his family to join those already here. He built a double log cabin in what is now the intersection of High & Main Streets. Mr. Edgerton boarded with this family until the time of his marriage. Soon others came. George Clemmer and wife purchased the first piece of land, the only land sold in the first year. Dr. Rakestraw and his wife came and stayed soon after.

Hicksville developed slowly until the railroad was surveyed through from Chicago Junction to Chicago in 1871. In 1872 the grading was continued east.and as if by magic a rapid growth began that continues to this day. Visit a few of the houses:

THE MERCHANT'S AND FARMER'S BANK

Commenced June 16,1884 with Capital Stock of $15,000.00, occupied space in Hotel Aldine (now a millinery) remained until Nov. 1885 when they moved into the new bank building at the corner of High & Main. Capital increased to $40,000.00. Mr.Horton the Cashier has held many offices of trust. He first was infirmary director then served two terms as County commissioner 1874 to 1880.

AINSWORTH BOON BEVINGTON & CO.

J.M. AINSWORTH, was born in Madison Co. Ohio Sep. 1835 where he lived until 1848 when he moved to Van Wert Co. remaining until 1853 when he moved to Fort Wayne employed there until he came to Hicksville representing the Fort Wayne firm.He later went into the dry goods business with Mr. A.P.Edgerton in the building now occupied by Elys saloon, which stood on the lot now occupied by Otis Fisher & Evans. Here he remained until he moved to Fort Wayne in 1870. He returned to Hicksville in 1872 forming a partnership with I.M.Boon and J.L. Bevington. During his former career in Hicksville he had in his employ as clerks: I.M.Boon, W.S.Richards.

I.M.BOON, born in Wayne County where he lived until 1861 came to Hicksville and was employed by Mr. Ainsworth in a dry goods store in the old Edgerton building, after Mr. Ainsworth returned to Fort Wayne he clerked for the dry goods store of D.Stull.

J.L. BEVINGTON born in Wayne Co. where he lived until 1865. He came to Hicksville and worked his trade of carpenter during the summer and taught school in the winter. In 1872 he embarked in dry goods with Mr. I.M.Boon. They occupied the Goodin building then half it's present Size. In the fall of 1873 Ainsworth became partner. They remained in the same rooms for a number of years then moved to the Commercial Block.

In Sep. 1880 they erected the mammoth store building they now occupy at the corner of Maple and High. 102 fee deep, 25 wide, 17 foot ceiling and balcony at the rear. A large frame building joined at the rear end open on the side forms an L which runs 60 feet north. Still further back they have a ware room 22 x 60 upstairs and down. In the general sales room a great stock of dry goods, the room forming the L a stock of boots and shoes as well as groceries. In the balcony a large stock of clothing, carpets and hats. Under the ware room a cellar in which is kept crockery, oils etc. Also in the cellar under the general sales room, is butter, syrups etc. the entire store heated by a furnace from below. They keep seven clerks busy.

WILDERSON & CO..
J.C. WILDERSON, came to Hicksville in 1873, engaged in the carpenter business until 1874 when he went into the sawmill, building,& lumber business with Clay and Crowell Co.Then in 1876 started selling sewing machines and sold 500 machines. In 1880 he started a furniture store in partnership with Frank C. Fribley, in a short time purchased his partner's interest, operated the firm himself then sold a half interest to other parties. Located on the East side of High St. room # 65. Has a large stock of Furniture. As for the undertaking business they have exclusive sale of the Shrine Panel Casket, much admired. Mr. Wilderson has spent considerable time studying the business over the past six years. He is thoroughly competent.A member of the Undertaking Associtien. of Ohio, he has taken a thorough course in the art of embalming of Prof. Clark, Springfield, Ohio.

THOMPSON, WILSON & FORLOW
F.M. THOMPSON, born in Jeromesville, Ashland Co.Ohio, Dec.29,1851.Came to Defiance Co. with parents in 1860, farmed, taught school ten years. Then appointed Clerk of Department of Insurance at Columbus in 1875. Returned and purchased the insurance business of R.D.Wirt and commenced studying law with Hill Myers & Cameron of Defiance. Admitted to practice in the Courts of Ohio March 19, 1879. He had been appointed school commissioner in 1877 and continued to serve in that capacity for eight years. He has had four law students in his career, L.E.Griffin, Dixon Edgerton, F.L Forlow and J.D.Kerr. Mr. Forlow a partner since 1885.

W.D. WILSON. born Ashland Co. Feb.19,1850. In 1853 moved to Milford where parents farmed. In 1879 moved to Edgerton, insurance office in partnership with John Amadon of that place, continued until 1882 when he moved to Hicksville and formed a partnership with Thompson & Griffin.

E.M. PETTIT & COMPANY DRUG STORE
Paints, photograph albums, stationery, books, confectionery, toilet and fancy goods. Complete line of china, vases, lamps, cigars, pipes, dolls, perfumery, drugs and daily papers.

FRANK L. FORLOW, born in Defiance Co. Oct. 31,1858, farmed to his 16th. year when he came to Hicksville, attended school two years, taught and attended University at Ada. While teaching taught at Evansport and Ayersville schools. Served as president of the Defiance Co. Teacher's Association for two years. A member of the executive committee for several years. In 1880 previous to attending Ada, read law with F.M. Thompson, returning from Ada was elected Justice of the Peace in 1882. Served Hicksville Twp. three years while a partner of the law firm Hill and Forlow. In 1884 acted as private Secretary to the Hon. W.D.Hill in Washington D.C. Since 1880 an active Democrat, was a candidate for Defiance Clerk of Court in 1884, defeated by the incumbent S.M.Cameron. Spoke 32 places in Ohio, as well as some in Indiana. Was in attendance at the Convention in Chicago for the nomination of Cleveland and at the Inauguration. At the Jan. term of the Supreme Court of Ohio in 1884 admitted to the bar. An honorable upright gentleman.

DALRYMPLE DRUG STORE
Frank Dalrymple went into the drug business in 1876, occupying a small room in the west part of town until 1882 when he erected the brick store room he occupies in the Central Block. He carries a large line of drugs, paints, toilet articles, cigars etc, He has a delivery of Daily Papers, school books and proprietary articles of his own manufacture. He carries a fine line of Christmas goods.

West End:
150 bushels of corn husked from shock and fodder tied in ten hours.

George Johnson will commence teaching at Thompson School. We expect a large school as a number who haven't attended for some time will.

Ainsworth Boon Bevington-- Ladies button shoes $1.00 Good style prints 3 cents a yard. Indigo blue 6 cents a yard, Nice white bed blanket $1.00 a pair. Brocade 4 1/2 cents a yard. Stocking yarn 40 cents a pound. Men's red wool mittens 25 cents.

Invitations are out for a fancy dress party at Krotz Opera House tonight by the young ladies of S.O.M.of H Club.

Mrs. S. Blodgett has returned from New Haven where she has been at the bedside of her daughter Mrs. Frank Markle for past two weeks.
Ed Bilderback has purchased the harness shop of G.K. Otis.
At the election at Antwerp 600 signed petition to abandon reservoir.

From the Golden State of California word that Miss Madge Hartle formerly of Hicksville will be united in holy bonds of wedlock Nov. 22.

Williams County has 320 pensioners to whom are distributed annually $38,598.00. Distributed as follows:Invalids 241, widows four, dependents 14 widows of war of 1812, 4.

George W.Scott bought the first ticket over the Wabash in New Union Station in Toledo, just below the Oliver House.

Corn crop in Newville a failure, farmers buying corn.
Haley murder trial in Paulding resulted in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Life sentence by Judge Sutphin.

The case which has attracted considerable attention was brought by Sarah Rodegast, wife of Albert Rodegast by affidavit charging doctor with assault with intent to rape. The Court after hearing the evidence and arguments of counsel discharged the prisoner. A dirty case and had a large attendance with a sprinkling of bald heads, all swallowing the disgusting details with avidity.

Notice: Anchor Mills want 300 cords of good 4 foot wood immediately.
Antwerp Argus:
Now that the election is over, they hoped Democratic editors would quit lying and go to praying. Acting on this suggestion the wicked Budd of the Paulding Democrat thus implores the throne of Grace: O Lord hear we beseech thee, the spontaneous outburst of a humble and contrite heart. In the fullness of thy mercy,if you can save brother Osborn, do so.
We suggest to officers of the U.B.Church that in view of the late mud and unfavorable outlook for more, either throw a brick in front of their lot or plank it up so no one can walk past. The amount of red hot profanity and solid cubical swearing that is done there on dark nights could kill the shade trees.

Our gas well is at 1,035 feet.
Findlay has 28 producing oil wells yielding a daily output of 729 barrels

Nov. 25, 1886
Continuing interviews with business men of Hicksville.

OTIS FISHER & EVANS CO.
J.F. Fisher born in Tuscarawas Co Feb 24, 1844. In 1852 came with parents to Butler, DeKalb Co.Ind. Followed his trade of cabinetmaking until 1860 when he went as clerk in dry goods store of J.L. Isherwood, remaining til1 1861 when he went with Strefel & Ochs for seven years. In 1868 in business for himself in Hamilton, Ind. remained until 1869 returned to Butler in the furniture business with his father. in 1875 grocery business with C.H Crane then in 1876 with the M.S.R.R.Co. 1879 Dilworth and Maxwell untill 1883 then G.K.Otis until 1884 when he and B.L.Evans purchased the interest of G.K.Otis.

B.L. EVANS, born Logan Co.Ohio Aug.27,1860, remained untill 1864 when moved with his parents to Urbana, Champaign Co. then returned to Logan Co. in 1871.In 1875 came to Defiance Co. farmed until 1879, then worked for Dilworth and Maxwell. In 1883 went to Michigan until 1884 when he returned and with W.J.Fisher purchased interest in G.K.Otis Dry Goods firm at number 75 Central Block, Clothing, groceries, boots and shoes.

C.M. OVERHOLT, born Westmorland Co. Penn. July 27, 1840,lived there till age 17 moved to Hancock Co. Ohio farmed near Fostoria till 1865, moved to Wood Co. In 1868 returned to Fostoria then in 1883 to Hicksville where he purchased a 160 A farm. He lived on the farm six months then came to town and with Frank Roberts and purchased the agriculture stock of G.K. Otis.

After one year Roberts purchased the interest of Overholt and conducted the business until 1886 when Mr Overholt bought the entire business and is now located at 53 Main St. The room 24 x 150 feet, a large stock of buggies, wagons,harrows, cultivators and plows. Champion binder, reaper & mowers.

MRS. W.G.HAMILTON, born Summerville, Union Co.Ohio Nov. 11,1839, the daughter of J.R.Price, was in the mercantile business, her mother a milliner. Married Sep. 17, 1863 and in 1867 and with husband moved to Sherwood, Defiance Co. In 1878 they moved to Hicksville where Mr. Hamilton is in the grocery business. After the death of their two oldest children, Mrs. Hamilton purchased the milliner stock of Mrs. Kimbal and is located in room 88 High Street.

S. BLODGETT, born in Wayne Co. Dec 14, 1829, to Putnam Co. 1839, there at age 16 was apprenticed as a cabinetmaker. Moved in 1851 to California where he remained until 1855, having farmed, teamed and mined. Returned to Putnam Co. engaged in undertaking. In 1874 he moved to Hicksville and engaged in the same business on High Street one door east of the Hicksville Mills here he occupies five rooms. On entering the office a beautiful display of burial goods, shrouds, slippers etc. A fine hearse, a lady assistant, well versed in the art. In art of embalming never failed to give satisfaction. Carries a full line of coffins, caskets including Shrine caskets. A member of Undertakers of Ohio since it's inception.

F.A. PATTERSON, born DeKalb Co.Ind. 1858. Came to Hicksville and set up a jewelry store in the Dalrymple Drug Store and clerked for his rent. In 1864 he with Mr. Dallrymple moved to the new business rooms of Mr. Frank Dalrymple in the new Central Block. He purchased the entire stock of Mr. Babbage and continued in the old Babbage stand until 1884 when C.C. Lehman erected room 90 on the north side of High where he is today, his brother Mr. C. Patterson assists..

WILLIAM CAHILL, born Tuscarawas Co.Ohio in 1835, resided there until 1861 when he moved to DeKalb Co.Ind and engaged in farming. In 1884 he moved to Hicksville and engaged in the grocery business a successor to H.Nelson and Son. His location is one of the best, on the south side of High St. room 77 in the Central Block.100 feet deep, large baking establishment with oven in the rear over which presides well known baker Benner Gorgas. The north side has shelving for tobacco, smoking & chewing, blacking, lamp chimneys, gum, peaches, dates,toilet soaps, pens, matches,stationery pies cakes and buns. On the south side are shelves, confectionery,spices, baking powder, bulk or can goods, glassware, crockery, a large line of canned goods, oysters, sardines, peaches, plums etc. All country produce.

MRS. MURPHY, with her husband came to Hicksville in 1862 from Gilmore, Tuscarawas Co.Ohio.Together they followed the tailoring business until 1874 she purchased the millinery stock of Miss Barkman and has conducted the business in the Murphy Block every since. Located on the north side of High Street next door to the E.U.B. Church. Mr. Murphy continued tailoring several years longer when an increase in the millinery business compelled him to assist his wife. Mrs. Murphy has in her employ four ladies, in the trimming room which is 20 feet deep. The salesroom is 36 deep 15 wide with ten foot ceiling, She has all the stock of feathers trimmings, piece goods, ribbons & beads, white goods Zephers,Saxony and Germantown corsets,embroidery silks, arsenes in fact all things kept in a store of this kind.

MR. G.K. OTIS, born in Wayne Co.O. March 11,1864. He came to Hicksville Sep.1877 in the drug business with E.N. Lewis until 1878 when he disposed of his interest and went into the agriculture business. Then in 1884 with Fisher & Evans in the dry goods business. In 1885 he purchased the stock of Lewis & Hersch in the Simpson Block until the increase of trade compelled him to move to more spacious quarters. Today in the Post Office Block room #3. The only exclusive clothing store in town, a mammoth stock with a branch in Payne.

HOTEL ALDINE, Two lots on High, brick two stories, six means of escape in case of fire. A very long well furnished office & two mammoth sample rooms with an alley door for access to draymen.The dining room 30x60 seats 36. Rooms on the second floor, two elegantly furnished parlors,brussels carpeted, 26 sleeping rooms five of which lit by skylights, six containing stoves. Rooms finely furnished, two hallways lit by skylights and at the end of the north wall a bathroom. Opened by Miss C.T. Huber with a grand opening with 200 guests registered for supper. No better table set in north west Ohio. Rates $2.00 per day.

A. GOODIN, pioneer business man of Hicksville, located on N. High street. A full line of groceries, queensware, & glassware, selling at bottom prices

WESLEY BACHELOR, came to Hicksville in 1865, farmed until 1875 then came to town. W.A. Goodin' Hardware, in the building opposite the Presbyterian Church. This building later used as a school building. In 1887 they moved into the Goodin Building just north of the Church. In 1882 the partnership was dissolved with Mr. Batchelor taking the entire hardware stock to the D.Stull building formerly occupied by Dilworth & Maxwell dry goods. He remained until this November when he moved into the North room of the Commercial Block, 100 feet deep. Stoves, bird cages, wooden and willow ware, whips, rope halters, flat irons, oil cans. A full line of shelf and heavy hardware. All goods manufactured by Enterprise Mfg. John Miller is in charge of the tin shop..

C.V. TANNEHILL, began the study of Dentistry in 1874 in Defiance under dentist J.L.Scott. He located at Doylestown, Wayne Co. Ohio where he practiced two years, then to Wilshire, VanWert, Co. until 1879 when he came to Hicksville locating on the second floor of Casebeer Block over Miller & Jeffries Hardware. A large practice at home and on call to towns over twenty miles around. He employs A.F. Randolf.

NELSON BROTHERS B.F.Nelson born in Tuscarawas C. 1846. At the age of 7 moved with parents to DeKalb Co., followed farming until 1864 when he enlisted in the 129th Ind. V.I, served 22 months and returned home.

J.W. Nelson was born in Tuscarawas Co. 1851, farmed until 1875 when he opened a barber shop in Edgerton, then returned to Hicksville in 1877 and purchased property. In 1885 he went into the grocery business with P.M. Eldridge in the old Loveland building, burned out in 1885. They then occupied the Stull building together until November 3,1885. Then he and his brother succeeded P.M.Eldridge continuing in the same room until November 1, 1886 when the heavy increase in business compelled them to move to the South room of the Commercial Block. 75 feet deep 12 foot ceiling.

PARKER AND SMITH, ladies located in the East room of Hotel Aldine. First class millinery and dress making. Will remain in this location until spring when they will move to one door west of the Swilley House.

J.W. BRUCE, In business in various lines in Hicksville past eight years, seven of which he controlled an interest in Anchor Flour Mills. Last July he went into the grocery business as successor to A.R. Steelsmith on the corner of High and Maple, room # 126 Ehrhart Block. The grocery is large using the 100 x 25 feet for the large varied stock.

EDWARD BROOKS, born in Burlington Co. New Jersey in 1834. Apprenticed himself to a shoemaker in 1850,located in Mount Holly,N.Jersey for 6 years. In 1858 he left and worked the trade at various places in New Jersey and Pennsylvania. He married in Philadelphia and returned with wife to his native state. In 1862 he enlisted in the army serving some of the time as a drummer boy. was in the battle of Gettysburg. He moved to Hicksville November 5,1876 and started a shoe making establishment, locating on the second floor of the Coburn & Wright Bakery on High Street.

E.M. WORT, Ten years experience as a barber, now located over the Dalrymple Drug Store. Unequaled in the Pompadour Cut.

E.E. HALE, North High in Mr. Weaver's Cooper Shop, the second door from the B&O. Manufacturing cisterns of all dimensions. Also agent for Dunlop Electric Belt, noted for great curative powers.

T.E. GAY, TAILOR twenty years experience, in Hicksville 15 years.
located at # 108 High St, S.of T.F.Dowell's Livery Stable.

W.H. SHAMO, started learning the barber trade under John Thompson, went to Chicago, worked and returned to Hicksville. The shop located in the Commercial Block on the second floor. Two chairs, first class work.

G.W. WORT Laundry at #46 High Street, first class work. American, soldier.

DR. D. HOLBROOK, In 1875 commenced study of Dentistry under T.S. Seely at Plymoth, Ohio, Went to North Manchester, Ind. in 1878 practiced there five years. Then Kendalville and to Hicksville in 1886.
Rooms over the Farmer's and Merchant's Bank.

GILLINGHAM & POLTER
I.M. POLTER born in Newville in 1853, at the age of 5 moved with parents to Antwerp, when 12 to Michigan and lived there until 1870.To Cleveland where served apprenticeship as a carpenter. In 1877 returned to Michigan until 1884 then moved to Hicksville. His partner:
L.B. GILLINGHAM was born in Seneca Co. April 15, 1850,In the fall of that year parents moved to Williams Co., in 1860 he moved to Allen Co. Indiana. Served apprenticeship as a carpenter. Then in 1870 went to Labetto Co. Kansas. as contractor and builder, in 1881 moved to Dennison, Texas in the employ of Missouri Pacific R.R. as foreman of the bridge department. He

remained in Texas until 1884 when he moved to Hicksville as partner of Mr. Polter. Skilled, they have built dwellings for W.D.Otis, Joseph D.Kerr, Captain Correll and many others. Contracted to build a house for Ed. Clay and set in the woodwork for the brick house of Jack Dickerhoff. Will erect a work shop 20 x 40 opposite Clay and Crowel Mill in the near future.

REED & WELTY

HIRAM H. REED born Van Wert Co. 1844, resided there until 4 years old then moved with parents to Stark Co. At the break of the war, enlisted and served three years in the 13th. OVI, re-enlisted in the 184th OVI. for another nine months. Came to Hicksville in 1886 became partner of Welty.

FRANK WELTY born Stark Co. in 1854, lived there until 1862 when moved to Tuscarawas Co. then in 1883 to St.Joseph, Michigan where he married. He then returned to Stark Co. until moving to Hicksville. Together they do slate roofs and do tile brick foundations. Did work for Dr. Otis and Joseph Kerr.

T.F. DOWELL

Came to Hicksville in 1882 from Saginaw, Michigan, purchased the Livery outfit of George T. Nichols. He has 9 horses, 10 buggies and 5 sleighs. Located at #110 High Street. Everything to accommodate the traveler.

J.H. SMITH

A native of Prussia, born October 1827. At the age of 8 came to America and located near Toledo and lived there until 1852 when he moved to Napoleon. In 1856 he went to Cleveland and served an apprenticeship as wagon and carriage maker. In 1861 enlisted in Co. F. Ohio Inf. as a private for 4 months. The following fall he enlisted in Co.F. 68th Regt.OVI served until 1865 with honorable discharge as a 1st Lieutenant and returned to Henry Co. engaging in the wagon business in Florida, Ohio. He came to Hicksville in 1884 as carpenter with Jacob Dowell then in 1885 he purchased the blacksmith shop of John Foust on Maple Street just north of the Central Grocery. Makes wagons with, John Pinkerton the blacksmith.

LINCOLN SCOTT, BARBER

Always a resident of Hicksville, purchased the barer outfit owned by Henry Neer. Three chairs in good running order, good tools, first class work. Employs Dell Akley and Samuel Comparett.

EXPRESS; PRESIDENT ARTHUR DIES

CLAY & CROWL

Having a good business, 30 dozen behind on broom orders.

Charles M. Fisher who did the write ups of Hicksville business left on the Wabash Monday to Detroit, he pleased all.

Mrs. Edgerton returned to Fort Wayne after spending summer here.
High winds last week blew down 100 yards of Fair Ground fence.
The Bryan Press will present the addresses of Bowersox and Crary in full.
Albert Rodegast living next door east of Schlatter's saloon ejected last Saturday for non-payment of rent.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ginter's 37th birthday Nov.19th. Mother presented a rocker.
Cornerstone of the new court house at Paulding laid, Dec.21.

Des. Moines, Iowa Independent:

W.D. Hart, a harness maker arrived here from Stuart, Iowa, applied to Mr. Rubleman for work and was hired. He engaged boarding with Mrs. Severn, after supper he slipped out on the back porch and fell 9 feet into an open cellarway injuring his head. He is not expected to live. A son of Johnathon Hart of Hicksville, Ohio.

Slate is struck at the gas well, 1,200 feet with 1,080 feet of casing.

I.M. Maxwell started for home in Waterbury, Dakota. Mr. Maxwell is suing the B.&.O. R.R. for damages to his person & property in train wreck.

C. Balser of six corners left a 3 foot radish, 18 lbs. Beat Daniel Hilbert.

Miss Cora Knight gave a costume party of young friends to come dressed to impersonate some character of their fancy. Miss Rella Blosser as Topay, coffee sack suiting, large white hood; Miss Lizzie Hoover as an Indian squaw. Miss Orpha Fish as street sweeper and match girl, dress of rags. Mino Swilley as a gypsy Queen, dress decorated with playing cards. Dora Batchelor, as a ghost; Tracy Heckman as an old woman. Clara Hill as a Spanish musician, banjo, dressed in high colors; Cora Knight as a flower girl, looked like perpendicular bed in June; Rollie Hood as a lady, Henry Gingery as an Indian Chief; Howard Bruce as George Washington; Dale Comparet as "give it up". Charlie Thomas as Wench; Ed.Correll as Hi Low Jack; and Joe Gruber as grandma.

Miss Allie Lehman goes to Cleveland to spend the winter with cousins.
Mr.& Mrs. G.M. Stall returned, housekeeping in C. Thayer property. Edgerton Street.
Dr. Otis called to set a broken leg for Paul Hootman, was riding a horse from the pasture home at good speed. The horse in turning a corner fell breaking both bones 3" above the ankle.

Rev. J.W.Lilly has purchased the Cal. Wade lot next to G.F. Knight residence on Smith Street.

News Dec. 2, 1886
Thoughts suggested by laying of the cornerstone at the new intermediate penitentiary in Mansfield. by Judge Patton.
The object is to separate first offenders from the hardened criminals.
All means should be used to reclaim the offender. Convict labor will soon be abolished, no longer competing with the labor of honest men outside.
No one would probably propose making our prisons into institutions of learning; most would regard this as a strong temptation to commit crime to be imprisoned. However education and training could make them good citizens, released with proof of reformation.
When convict labor is ended we must provide a substitute, occupation of mind and Body. If not we might as well condemn them to the gallows at once.
As a mode of execution the gallows is a relic of barbarism. It would surely answer all ends of Justice & punishment to consign the criminal to his eternal doom by some less repulsive method, for example electricity.
These observations are thrown out not as fixed opinions, but for the consideration by law makers and others. B. Patton.
Thanksgiving poem by Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth.

Five Points:
J.F. Carr, headquarters for beef.
Debating Society organized at Hart's school House. Akin Moore, Pres,
G.W.Johnson V.Pres. Della Culler Sec. Addie Hart Ast. Sec. William Kiser Chorister, Hiram Bleeks, Marshal.

Fountain Chapel Corners:
D.W. Collins teaching at Wentworth School.
Antwerp is endeavoring to build a town hall, a good idea.
Miss Una Hughes teacher at our school, 38 scholars enrolled.
Dynamiters attempted to blow out the feeder at the lower end of the reservoir recently. They will fool around and blow Paulding County into Indiana.
Elder B.V. Springer of Iowa will preach a number of sermons at Erter school house. An Elder of Church of Jesus Christ, or Latter Day Saints.

St.Joe Items:
School enrolment 119 in our school.
Four car load of hogs shipped from here on Thursday.
The Saw Mill Co. is filling large orders for the B.& O. R.R.
Several of our boys went to Hicksville and got a shot at the bear.
Mrs. S.Q. Bartlett the popular milliner will occupy the upper room of Dr. Bowman's office when it is completed.
Will Cline has disposed of his butcher shop to J.R.Culbertson.
Shorty Coburn has severed his connections as night operator and will take charge of a day agency at another division.
Be sure to get a copy of the St. Joe News next week, double sized, will be full of comic pictures and holiday fun.

Miss Laura Johnson is very ill with malarial fever.

William Henry sold his blacksmith shop to August Lochapelle of Michigan and will leave for Topeka, Kansas to work his trade.

Communion at Lost Creek Lutheran, pastor assisted by Rev. J.E.Wesner of Paulding,Ohio. Also will preach in Hicksville Lutheran Sunday evening.

Messrs Nolan & Kendall pushing the well here. Supervised by W.B.Nolan in person much to the satisfaction of the stock holders. Mr Kendall runs one tower at Defiance. Experienced men came to Lima from Pennsylvania. Several water courses have been struck, washing the sediment from the well a 5" and 5/8 drill. There is trouble getting fuel result of blockades on the railroad. They have been compelled to use wood which is inconvenient and expensive. It is difficult to keep up sufficient steam for the depth of the work. Good indications for oil or gas.
Trenton rock struck at a depth of 1,682 feet. No drilling done last night owing to the danger of gas. This morning drilled to a depth of 5 feet in the Trenton, usually would drill 25 feet, sand is of good quality, a good indicator of oil.

A serious mistake last week in write up of businesses.
Patterson born in DeKalb 1858, to Hicksville 1880, occupied the front window of Dalrymple's Drug Store in west end of town. In the spring of 1882 moved with Dalrymple to the Central Block.

Aldine Hotel occupies two lots on High, brick two stories. Two large sample rooms with access to the alley for drayage. Upstairs two elegant parlors with Brussel's carpet, 26 sleeping rooms, five lit by skylights, six have stoves. Opened by Mrs. Huber June 15, 1886.

Editor of the News! I have already published in the News a proposed line for a north and south railroad. North into Coldwater, Michigan from Cinn. I think Hicksville the best place to start this new road, business men should organize and form a company at once. Prospect a good one, a great advantage to Hicksville. If not attended to at once the opportunity may be lost. J.H. Shin.

transfer:
Jehiel Kelly to Andrew Mikesell lot 21 Edg.1st.adn. $ 900.00

Water in a well at New London,O. turned to vinegar.A grocer filled 100 barrels to sell. Farmers are driving from miles away.to get it. Phenominon attributed to earth wave of the night of August 31st.

PEOPLES DRUG 125 HIGH STREET HOLIDAY GOODS HEADQUARTERS

Local option closes Delta's saloons.
The WTCU.in Defiance petitioning council for a vote on local option.
Cigars manufactured in Ohio 254,469,256 last year.
George Blodgett telegraphing at Willow Creek,thirty miles from Chicago where five railroads cross.
Predicting 65 snows this year, number of days from 1st snow to Christmas.

The frame building being erected east of W.J. Kleckner's grocery will be occupied by Andress & Scott meat market.
Mr. Lyman Landon one of the earliest settlers of Defiance Co. is in town being treated for cancer by Dr. Rakestraw.

Montpelier Advocate:
The petition asking that the Dow law local option clause be extended to the townships and counties finding may fail in courts..

I.A. Gingery's lease of the Pettit Opera House having expired, he has turned the keys over to E.N. Lewis who we are informed intends to sell the scenery and close the hall.

Two new saloons to be started in Paulding.
Cap Coburn, 21 years old goes to Bascom,O. as operator.

Miss Mattie Moore resigned as teacher in Hicksville schools. She has been in the schools several years and is one of the best teachers. She will be missed. Regretted by patrons.

Miss Mary Parker has purchased of L.E. Griffin the frame business building next door to the Swilley House. The millinery and dress making establishment of Parker & Smith will be moved to the building March 1st at noon.

Sad Accident: The 15 month old son of W.O. Hughes fell from a child's rocker running a teaspoon up through the soft palate which dropped down into the mouth. The handle of the spoon was bent to a right angle by the force of the fall. Dr. Otis called, referred to Dr. Long of Bryan. The child wrapped and taken to Bryan late at night, too dark to perform the operation until morning. Dr. Long chloroformed the child and sutured the wound. The child is doing well.

Mr. Nolan has presented us with two fine specimens of crystal formations taken from the well at the depth of 900 feet where the drill went into a fissure, springing the drill. A strong current of water flowed there. The other specimen taken from 1,000 feet.

A column: a few remarks on saloons. by Sad Citizen.

Sam Meyerhoffer returned from Garrett where he erected three houses for Kerr Brothers & Co. The houses were shipped from Hicksville ready to put together, Joe Murphy assisted for four weeks. One sold before finished, the other two are rented. Great demand for housing, Kerr Bros. will build more.

Mansfield Gazette: Patton's comments on penitentiary printed.
Teacher's Institute at Defiance Normal College. G.W.Hootman Pres. W.T. Coughanouer V.Pres. Miss Ella Weaver Sec.Exec. Committee: Miss Mattie Moore, Miss Nellie Moore; C.E. Bercaw. On program Miss Maggie Vasbinder "Primary Work";
A.L.Biglow "Infinitives and Participles";
Supt. Lutz of Hicksville "The True Object of Teaching"
Miss Estell Ferril "Leaves From a Teacher's Scrap Book".

Dec.9,1886
Picked up: "Yes we have struck oil, we have been holding our noses every since. Pity an oil refinery was not in that hole. Space will not permit us to tell where the next 25 will be drilled next week".
Williams Center:
Two schools progressing in Center at present: The District School taught by Matis Scott, 11 District scholars; the Select School taught by W.H. Gardner 40 scholars.
Lost Creek:
Thermometer 6 below zero.
Albert Coy feeding 60 head of cattle in Milford Township.
Daniel Hilbert lost a valuable horse to bilious colic, making three that have died of that disease in the neighborhood.

Coles Corners:
F. Kling & C. Hawkins who contracted to clear ten acres for John Greenwalt offer $5.00 per day to a man who will put up as many cords of wood in one day as he can.

Defiance:
It looks like every village will be lighted by natural gas.
Representatives here from Findlay discussing with our business men the matter of piping natural gas here. We prefer to try here at home.

Death of Crawford C. Adams, age 47.
As a destitute small boy he was taken in and brought up by Thomas Wentworth family. Early training in a log school house and kind friends led to a successful career. He enlisted in Co.G. 14th Regt. OVI. A first Lt. placed on special duty as Asst. Adj. General at Louisville, Ky. After the war he returned but filled with aspirations returned to Washington where he was appointed as Librarian. Later as Special Supervising Agent of the Treasury Department in Philadelphia under Grant. Sent to Europe where he spent two years negotiating the sale of Government Bonds. He remained in the Treasury Dept. until his death. Leaves wife and five children.
Hicksville School Report. Lists all students by grade.
Farmer:
C.V. Richardson has closed his singing school at Snakey Run.
Abraham Bercaw who ran a blacksmith shop on the Maumee near Independence years ago returned home from a visit Monday and dropped dead alighting from his buggy.

The word JOOBAHAW latest coinage, applied to the individual who is continualy shooting off his mouth merely because he has a mouth to shoot off.

John Blosser has $ 500,000 to loan on farm property.
Daughter of M.M. Baird age two years eight months, buried.
James B. Taylor of Edgerton has moved his sewing machine business here.
A petition to stop the fast train at Hicksville hereafter.
Ainsworth Boon and Bevington had the largest business in November ever for that month.
The Children's Mission Band at the Disciple Church.

Dr. A.C. Miller of Cleveland and James Miller of South Bend called here on the death of their sister Mrs. Catherine M. Boon.
Jonas Miller and Marion Coulson of Milford went skunk hunting last Sat. They killed ten, not a very good day for skunks either.
F.A. Patterson makes a novel display of toys in his windows, motive power by a small steam engine. Attracts many spectators.

Trenton rock is so-called because it was first found while boring a well on the Trenton farm near Lima. The rock in which oil or gas is found is named for the farm where the well was drilled.

NOTICE: Meeting of all stockholders of the Oil & Gas Co. Commercial Hall Saturday Dec.11th.
James Casebeer Pres. G.F. Knight, Secretary.

Billy and Bert Gorgas in Garrett, the former engaged as a tinner on car roofs, the latter a call boy, several Hicksville youth there.
Elmer Kimball, call boy, James Lower message boy, Billy Wort and Orin Hartzler call boys.

As soon as weather permits W.O. Hughes and Co. will commence work on their new building. Brick 100 feet deep, two stories, cellar and stone foundation. Divided into a double room 34 ft.and one single room 20 foot front. The double room to be hardware the single for another branch of business.

William Richards in town walking around on crutches. While sitting on a rail fence talking to a general life agent of the Union Central Life Ins. Co. a day in September he sustained a fall. A rail broke,leg between rails broken. Luckily he had a policy and has collected $15 a week since. Two morals; never sit on a rail fence to talk to an insurance agent. have your life insured, and carry an accident policy.Mr. Richards is working life insurance in Fremont, Ohio.
Obit: Mrs. Catherine Boon born in Jefferson Co. Feb. 6,1813, she moved to Holmes Co. in 1815 where she married William Boon, Mar. 23, 1837,In Jan. joined the Presbyterian Church of Fredericksburg. Later Mr. Boon went to California where he died. Mrs. Boon with her family moved to Hicksville in 1860 and united with the Presbyterian Church. Died Dec. 2nd. aged 73 years, 10 months, 22 days. Rev. Slagle from Defiance, Hicksville Cemetery.
Obit: Mrs. Mary J. Kelley, born in N.Y. State 1823, died Dec 6, after a lingering painful illness aged 63. At 13 became a member of Baptist Church, lately a Methodist. Rev. J.W.Miller, Hicksville Cemetery.
Obit: Jacob Spindler born Solsberry Twp. Lancaster Co. Pa. Sept. 12, 1835. Died Hicksville Dec. 4, age 51 years,2 months, 22 days. Consumption, which carried off all the family but his father and brother.Leaves wife,3 sons.
He had enlisted in Co. C. 68th O.V.I, Oct. 1st. 1861, honorably discharged three years later. Three different prisons,Andersonville, Saulsberry and Florence. Nine months in prison. Once while being moved he rolled out of a box car, hid in the woods but at last was so starved that he went to a house where he was captured, but released soon after. M.E. Church. Hix. Cem.

OIL STRUCK in Hicksville well at 1,710 feet. Oil sand struck Wed. at 1,684 feet, making 26 feet drilling in sand, ought to be a large body of oil or gas. A sample sent to the State Geologist Prof. Orton. Gravity about the same as at Lima, lighter than the oil at Defiance. After the drilling stopped the hole rapidly filled in oil, some salt water. Oil and salt water standing at a depth of 350 feet. The well will be pumped and if not satisfactory will drill deeper, shows very little gas.
A party for Mr. and Mrs. I.S. Miller who leave for Ontario, California their new home. Attended by 125 friends.

News Dec 16, 1886..
a letter from Pima Maricopa & Papago Agency Arizona, Dr. T.H.Sabin.

We left Hicksville November 2nd. on the 10:30 P.M Train Tue. eve. five hours late as B&O trains were at that time. Chicago at noon we spent the day looking the city over, bought through tickets to Casa Grande, Arizona Territory. via R.I.A.T.& S. to Demming. South Pacific from Demming to Cassa Grande. We left Chicago at 11 P.M. November 3rd. traveling continuously arriving at Kansas City at 8:20 P.M. the evening of the 5th. Took a rest staying over night until 12:15 P.M. November 6th. Kansas City a high old City does not give the best first impression as the city is 100 to 200 feet higher than the railroad. A cable car took us up the hill and we saw a large beautiful city above the smoke and grimed lower regions.
Missed our train, we left on an excursion train on the A.T.& S.F..
Two days and nights we whirled along through fine grazing country of Colorado and the horse country of New Mexico. We arrived atAlbuquer-que Sunday A.M the 7th. A city of 7 to 8,000 inhabitants, built in the past six years.The buildings are brick, wood and adobe. We left at 6 o'clock, and arrived at Demming Arizona at 6 P.M. rested over night. I think this resting business is a special arrangement of the railroad and hotels, and if you have any money one or the other will get it.The only good building here is the depot and hotel combined. A fine frame building 40 x 250 ft. two stories, first class appointments even to prices.
We left Demming at 7 A.M. November 9th. traveled all day through the most barren country ever my lot to see. Arrived at Casa Grande about 6 P.M. After supper we were driven 15 miles across the desert seeing nothing but sage brush, muskect and cactus.
We have seen cactus 30 feet high and 20" in diameter. We arrived at the Agency at 10 P.M. making the trip 7 days.

The Agency is located in the far famed valley of the Gilla about 75 miles from it's mouth,6 to 20 miles wide, ranges of mountains either side from 200 to 2,000 feet high. The Valley a dusty barren plain except portions which have been irrigated. The Land of Eternal Sunshine. Been but one rain since we arrived and it scarcely laid the dust. The temperature varies from 40 between day and night, 35 to 40 at night, 75 to 80 days the coldest 30 above. The Territory is rich in precious metals, gold, silver, copper, iron and coal. Phoenix a town of 2,000, 40 miles from the Agency I am told is almost a Paradise. Raise all kinds of vegetables, oranges and figs. They have to irrigate, to raise wheat,barley,corn, squash, watermellon, onions, turnips etc.
Well civilized, many speak English and dress like white people, while others cling to the old habits. Go half naked barefoot and the men wear their hair long and go bare headed.
A mountain two and half miles from the Agency surrounded with a stone wall or fence which encloses about an acre, sufficient to accommodate a Regt. as breast work. Old ruins nearby about 12 miles which Indians claim were old monasteries, one Casa Grande (grand house) claimed to have been six stories high, three of which remain. Casa Blanca(white house) is 12 miles west, all that remains is a mound 20 feet high covering one acre.
The Agency building walls are adobe two feet thick. 123 pupils in school here and the agent expects more. 23 whites here no neighbors for 15 miles
I have gone 12 miles to visit sick Indians with only one Indian guide. Totally unarmed, so you see they are harmless. The agent is Elmer A. Howard of Fairfield, Iowa. I like the climate very much.

There are a number of people who are poor and should be helped by their richer and more prosperous neighbors. There are others who deserve no charity at all from anyone. They are poor because they are too lazy to work.
H.B. Roler will teach in the new school at Georgetown
The debate between Rev. N. Crary and Judge Bowersox took place at the Music Hall in Bryan, 800 people present Dec. 8th. Mr. M.H. Robertson introduced Rev. Crary who spoke one hour and thirty minutes advocating prohibition of the liquor traffic instead of taxation. M.M. Boothman then introduced Judge Bowersox who also spoke one and a half hours, charging the prohibition party with the repeal of the Pond and Scott laws and doing more to retard the cause of prohibition than to advance it. Mr. Crary closed with a ten minute speech. A number from Hicksville,attended.

The roof of the Pettit Opera House has been repaired.
A colony of 500 Norwegians settled in Putnam Co.
Frank Place who has been visiting here returned home to Greenfield, Kansas.
Mrs. Amanda Hartle arrived from California, will reside with her daughter Mrs. William Delhauer this winter.

Ohio's delegation to Congress a soldier's delegation will have 14 of 21 elected who "fit in the war", two left a leg in the south.

A.R. Hopkins now of Chicago,lost 3 children in 11 days of diphtheria.
G.W. Richie was in Toledo last week buying goods for Dakota, clerks here are packing goods for shipment.

Oil well directors reelected will buy a pump for the well, if insufficient will "blow the well".

Edgerton Observer:
Oil struck in Hicksville. With a sprinkling of lawyers, insurance agents etc. they didn't need gas very bad any way. They should feel thankful that oil was found. The town will now smell like a glue factory and the people will have to go out in the township for a breath of fresh air.

Dr. Arter is meeting excellent success treating cancer, four cures in the vicinity. J.D. Crowl, Mrs. Callendar, Levi Henry and Nelson Smith. He is operating on three cases of cancer and five of rupture at this time.
Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth teaching 3rd term in District #5. 17 pupils.
Dr. Otis 45th. birthday, called away, when he returned some of his sisters and brother George K. had a surprise party for him.Presented a fur robe and an arm chair for his wife.

Reply on the oil sample: gravity 36 as Lima oil when first struck. You ought to shoot by all means and make a full trial of the rock now that you have reached it. Ed. Orton.

Defiance Democrat:
Hicksville has a good prospect for another railroad. A branch of the B&O to Fort Wayne has been surveyed, maps drawn, depots and side walks located. The railroad sure to be constructed in the near future.
ON THE OCEAN Rev.R.W. Munson on his voyage to India.
S.S. Furnessia, November 29th. 500 miles from Glassgow, sick only a day. Most passengers are however, breakers 50 foot high, guards necessary on tables to keep china in place. We live in fine style on the ship, as well as in a fine hotel in America. (he gives bill of fare for dinner)
Thanksgiving was a regular banquet. The Furnessia (Anchor Line) is
425 feet long,45 wide, 60 deep. capacity 5,495 tons, the average speed with cargo is twelve and

a half miles per hour. The ship can accommodate 1,000 passengers in 1st, and 2nd class cabin and steerage. Not 200 this trip, too late in the season. 40 first cabin, mostly Scotch, English and Irish, a few Americans, nine misionaries, five Methodist.

News Dec. 23, 1886
Dr Boman moved into his new office last week. Will Gee has moved to town and opened a barber shop in the former office of Dr. Bowman.
Christmas service at the Lutheran Church followed by an Oyster Supper in Leighty Hall.
Williams Center:
We have a young man who goes to see his girl seven nights a week That's getting down to business, but it takes a lot of wood.
Bryan stock buyers feel out of humor with ours, they say our buyers pay too high a price for the market. Our merchants know what they are doing.
transfer:

Azariah Hattery to Daniel Weller lot 9 in Hattery Adn.	$ 125.00
Merril Otis to Frederick Henning two A. Sec 21 Hix.Twp.	471.00
Charles Krotz to Justice Rose lots 1 and 211 Krotz Adn.	275.00
George Green to Eli Green 30 A. Sect. 5 Milford	1,200.00
Corintha Broils to Mary Flint Milford tracts in Sec. 4	200.00
Levina Noble to Julia Maxwell lots 47 & 48 Edg. 2nd Adn.	1,600.00

LATTER DAY SAINTS Doctrines delineated with scripture to support.
We believe that marriage is ordained of God, provides one companion in wedlock for either man or woman, except for where the contract of marriage is broken by death or transgression. We believe the doc-trines of plurality and community of wives is heresy. We believe in religion of Jesus Christ as taught by the New Testament.
Fountain Chapel Corners:
Joseph Lybarger and sons are putting up a frame building for their mill which runs on horse power and does excellent work.
Defiance:
Eleven deaths by drowning this year.
Privalege of voting for local option refused by the Council.
82,000 bu. of grain shipped by canal to Toledo, last year 74,000 bu.
The first teams drove over the new Maumee bridge.
The gas well is down 280 feet,Mr Kendall pushes and understands drilling.
The year 1886 has had many terrible and sudden deaths. Another last week; Henry Carpenter of Brown twp. attempted to cross the upper gates of the Wilhelm's lock, lost his balance and fell 12 feet onto the ice below, concussion of the spinal cord, died instantly.

News Dec. 23,1886
Five Points:
William Lotten, headquarters for skunk oil, 50 cents a bottle.
He has captured 11 this winter.

Freddie Countryman bought a span of draft horses a few days ago.
Good ones as he usually drives.
Defiance:
Typewriters all the rage.
Relics in the way of canes being made of the old apple tree.

Give us natural gas rather than oil.
In Findlay gas is 25 cents a month per stove, churches free.Three dollars a year for a stove sounds like the millenium.
The New Maumee bridge has an inscription: names of the commissioners, the auditor and engineer. The fire engine was the first to cross.
The pontoon bridge was used for eight months.
The Defiance Fair board met at the court house,Messr. J.F.Deatrick, M.E. Heller and A. Sauer re-elected: Pres. Sec. & Treas. Premiums for 1886 are all paid and nearly all for 1885.
Coles Corners:
Oyster Carnival at Benj. Sowers.
Schools, dist. 3 and 4 closed for scarlet fever.
G.W. Lewis has a new hand at the bellows, Romeo Headley is learning the gunsmith trade.
Robert Ingersoll is willing to bet $1,000 that Cleveland loses the election.
Coburntown:
The school has 36 students.
Shull & Hadsel plan to build a patent tile oven in the spring.

Knisely Brothers of Edgerton have failed.
I.M.Boon was able to get out of the house and came to town for the first.
The Supreme Court has sustained the Dow Law.
G.K.Otis decided to change his business and is selling out clothes.
Armenus Beerbower and John Johnson of Scipio attending college in Indianapolis.
The room vacated by Richie will be occupied by Hattery of Defiance with stock of clothing.
G.F. Knight has so many orders for saw mill dogs that he is running extra hours every night.
A girl 15 years old traded chewing gum with a companion,took diphtheria and died.H er father, brother and two children died also of diphtheria.
Copper going up, some brands may reach 25 cents a pound.
An Ohio farmer has a breed of hogs which he calls improved Chester, a cholera proof hog.
Mrs. Patsy Pettit of Brookston, Ind. is visiting sons B.S. and E.M.

Notice: In every 50th. loaf of bread purchased of Cahill and Sawyer will be a check for 4 loaves of bread free.
The Gas Co. rented a pump from Defiance, the well did not yield enough to pay for pumping.Will drill deeper,if unsuccessful will shoot well.
Bryan Press:
Standard Oil Co. has built a building here near the depot to keep oil available in the community. We understand they are building similar buildings in towns of 2,000 inhabitants or more.
Thompson Wilson & Forlow have rented the Pettit Opera House and are making arrangements for first class lectures and plays. They don't expect to make money but don't want to see the town loose it.

C.R. Sawyer has moved from Wooster Hill, Mich. and has purchased an interest in the bakery of his father-in-law, Lou Cahill.
Lutheran Church Christmas program.Parents are encouraged to bring gifts for the children.
A Council Ordinance gives saloons until Jan.21,1887 to close.

George W. Richie shipped a car load of merchandise to Roscoe, Dakota. He has had a good trade here for five years but sees his fortune in the west. We wish him well.
Next week a party composed of the following leave for California.

Mr.& Mrs. I.S. Miller who go to reside in Ontario, Cal. Dr. Richards who goes on a prospecting tour, Barney Brown goes to seek a home, Miss Linda Will to make it her home, Mrs. Derr and Hiram Will of Toledo for their health and likely home, Mr.& Mrs. Cunningham & Miss Annie Criss of Logansport, Ind. who go to reside and Mrs. Nisely & daughter of Sherwood to see the country.

News Dec.30,1886
New York Home Journal of Dec. 8. Mrs. Hicks-Lord at Home.

It is now about ten years since Mrs. Hicks-Lord came so prominently before the public through her marriage with millionaire Thomas Lord. It's attendant gossip still well remembered. Last Thursday a reception was given by Mrs. Lord in the old Alsop mansion on West Washington Square. Occupied for two years by Gen. Mc Clellan and family.

When Mrs. Hicks-Lord returned from Europe a few months ago after her long absence she began a search for a house capable of extensive alteration and rich interior fittings. Suitable for display of her many art treasures procured during her European sojourn. After Gen. Mc Clellan's death the family was anxious to sublet it, which Mrs. Hicks-Lord did.

Entrance through tessellated doors and a floor of black and white marble, a great stairway and massive newel post with a cluster of lamps buried in tropical plants. On the left three beautiful parlors. A life sized portrait of Mrs. Hicks-Lord painted by Healy, a sculpture of an Indian Princess by Crawford. A rare collection of stuffed birds found on her plantation in South America.

The central room called the tea room is Mrs. Hicks-Lord's favorite apartment. It is a narrow parallelogram, carpeted in dark rich colors, shut off from the other rooms by costly screens. The hangings crimson silk crepe draped high in unconventional style running across the mantle piece in festoons looped through a gold ring.The central object of this room is the great open fire place with brass fixtures, broad hearth of shining black tiles, it's quaint tea kettles on either side. Every inch of wall space is covered with pictures including family portraits, canvases by Church, Dix, Terry, and Rossiter, large collection of miniatures. Mrs. Hicks-Lord at one time famous for her horsemanship a unique feature are pictures and portraits of her favorite horses and pet dogs. A small landscape is composed of the hair of different dogs and horses of whom she was especially fond. In other rooms tastefully displayed are Two pictures in carved ivory and a bust of Mrs. Hicks-Lord by Count d Espeny In a blue velvet cabinet containing enamels that were on display in the city some years ago there are diamond studded cameos, a gold chain with a diamond slide, a gift from Francis Countess Waldegrave. (much more)

Mrs. Lord received her guests in the tea room wearing grey velvet with point lace and her ornaments were diamonds and feathers. Six ladies received with her namely: Mrs. Philip Livingston, who wore black satin with jet black lace; Mrs. Gerald Stuvystant in royal purple velvet trimmed with duchess lace and ornaments of sapphires and diamonds;

Mrs. Clara Semmes Fitzgerald of Virginia, sister of Admiral Semmes of Alabama fame, wearing black velvet and black Spanish lace. Miss Emily Mason of Virginia, black velvet; Mrs. Thomas Francis Meager, old gold colored velvet with pearl ornaments; Mrs. Eugene Mc Lean of N. Carolina, brocade satin sea foam green, trimmed in Valcienes lace.

Among the guests: General and Mrs. Sherman, Lord Grey de Wilton, Hon. Hugh Maxwell of England, son of the late Lord Herres, Leut.and Mrs. Hern; Henry M. Stanley the African explorer; Judge W. Smalley,
and Miss Winnie Davis.
Between three and four hundred guests in attendance.
Floral decorations by Hanfts, Music by Landers orchestra. Confectionery supplied by Penard.

A letter from Rev. Musson in Liverpool, England (a full column)
A paragraph- Now we are at Hollywood Palace, abode of royalty, here Mary Queen of Scotts lived. A very descriptive letter
. Clark Cemetery mentioned in Fountain Chapel news.

Al Harris fireman at the Kerr Bros. factory, while turning the "blow off" which allows hot water and steam to escape had the pipe come off breaking his arm and scalded him about the body.

Mrs. A.J. Hartle sends the News to each of her daughters,
Mrs. Ida Wilcox and Mrs. Sylvia Connell of Los Angeles.

The Butler G.A.R. bought a black bear and had a bear supper.
A frame building has been erected in Paulding for a bank.
It is said that the B&O double track will be completed from Chicago to Garrett next season.

200 saloons went out of business the first day of taxpaying under the Dow Law in Toledo.
Master Mervin Bevington of Bloomville, Ohio is spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, J.L. Bevington.
A man arrested for "poaching" on Judge Latty's land. The first case of the kind in this locality. "Very English" you know.
People living four or five miles in the country say they can smell the oil well distinctly.Greeat cure for catarrh, laughs at distance.
Miss Rosa Miller Postmistress at Cicero, salary about $60.00 a year based on the sale of postage stamps.
Joseph Hilliard of Bryan to supervise the building of W.O. Hughes and Co. new building. Will move here in February

Geo.K. Otis and H.H. Ackley go to S.W. Kansas to engage in the real estate business. In connection Mr. Otis intends to run a bank. They will not move families for a year at least.

It cost $110.00 to"shoot" the oil well. A Mr. Phillips of Lima brought 60 Quarts of Nitro (200 pound) in tin cans in a buggy. There is a severe penalty for shipping on railroads. He brought 80 quart but a defective can leaked 17 quart.

The shot was anchored midway in the sand, the object to stir the sand and produce flow.

Obit: Mrs. Harriett Correll, born March 19,1822 Stark Co. Ohio.
Died December 23. United in marriage with John Correll Dec. 6. 1839.
Six children, three dead, Funeral at Disciple Church, Rev. Sniff.

Election of officers at Disciple School. Supt. L.E. Griffin, Ast. Eugene Wort, Sec. Edward Clay, Treas. Solon Daniels, Organist Miss Mary Babb. Cornetists, Eugene Wort and Solon Daniels. Collection in 1886 $150.00.

Several weeks ago H.R. Bloomfield manager of the Swilley started a petition requesting the fast train stop in Hicksville, 300 signed. The reply from the B&O. Stopping #6 in Hicksville impossible, we might consider in the summer. Train's schedule too fast to comply.

The oil well blowing was not a spectacular, just a thud. The pump is bringing up excellent quality salt water. Oil is there but not in a sufficient quantity. The Directors have decided to pull up the casing, sell the plant and wind up the affairs of the company. Some wish to drill another well but the present stock holders do not love speculation enough to commence another well.
Thomas Carey and Ira Poper are hauling 30,000 brick from Fitzcharles kiln to Edgerton for Michael McGuire.

Williams Center:
Everybody's Christmas tree Saturday evening at the M.E.Church.
The house was so crowded that all the standing room was taken up. 300 gifts, every one went home satisfied.
The Williams Center mail directed to Farmer Center goes to Bryan then back in the general sack to destination. Sometimes 36 hours, cannot this be remedied?

Farmers should not permit merchants to put signs on fences. A poor way to advertise and a great inducement for boys to erase or supply letters thereby making obscene literature. Country Jake Jr.

Defiance:
The Machine Works crowded with orders, 12 hour days. There are 17 grocery stores in Defiance none seeming in decline.
The new fire engine beautiful to look upon has not at the two trials given her worked satisfactorily.
The City Council voted 5 to 3 to submit the question of Prohibition to the vote of the people within 30 days.
The Maumee bridge matter. The Company is accepting $ 500.00 less than the contract. Both parties decided a compromise better than litigation.

During the past few years, efforts have been made by our school officials to improve the methods of education.--What we want is practical ability. Our fathers said "it is our common schools that unlock the keys of knowledge to the mass of the people".It takes more than a knowledge of the sciences, it requires that elementary knowledge with tact and ambition and proper moral training", otherwise it could be as one said "schools are a place where bricks are polished and diamonds are dimmed"

Defiance: City Council voted 5 to 3 to submit the question of prohibiition to the vote of the people within 30 days.

Only 12 of the old saloonists of the 60 have paid their Dow Law tax. The rest cannot until the injunction put on by themselves upon the treasurer against receiving those taxes is disolved. Defiance members of the N.W.Ohio liquor dealers have decided to pay the tax penalties and will sewe that every saloon in the city is closed at 11 P.M. including the back doors as well as the front.

Hicksville News 1887

January 6, 1887
HORRIBLE ACCIDENT ON B & O NEAR REPUBLIC OHIO Tiffin

An unknown number burned to death, one of the most fearful wrecks ever occurred in this section at 2 to 3 A.M. The fast train due at 2:15 collided with a freight one half mile east of Republic. The freight was dead, the passenger going 60 mph, the passenger took fire at once, express, baggage, mail, smoker and one coach were burned. The engineer jumped and was saved, the fireman William Frederick of Washington D.C.was pinned between beams and died in three hours with out being removed. Nine charred and burned bodies have been removed from the ruins unrecognizable at least five more are believed to have been burned up completely. The sleepers were saved, 65 on the train at least 20 accounted for.
The fast train at least an hour late, rounded a curve and the engin-eer could see the freight 100 yards ahead, brake set, engine in reverse to no avail, 19 bodies removed.

SPECIAL: the 1 o'clock east bound freight pulled out of Tiffin expecting to side track at Scipio siding to let the east bound express to pass. After the express passed the conductor allowed the freight to pull out for the five miles to the switch at Republic, plenty of time for the fast train. But the bitter cold made it hard to keep up steam in the engine. Finally at a point east of Republic the train was unable to move farther. The conductor failed to send out a signal till it came to a stand still he then started forward with a lantern himself but had only gone twenty car lengths when he saw the headlight The engineer jumped through the window carrying the sash with him and landed in a snow drift.

Item: The first marriage and now the first birth will soon occur in the White House. Grover Cleveland is a plum dandy.

An Indiana man taught his dog to chew tobacco. A finely bred, well behaved setter. Now the dog comes in the back door, does not wipe his feet on the mat, never goes to church, is careless at his meals, gets burrs in his tail, goes with a lower grade of dogs and it is feared he is beginning to take an interest in politics.
Bryan Democrat:

George Mankin dead of consumption in Butler, buried in Bryan.
Almost every body knew him, raised here but at an early age joined a circus troop. Famous as an athlete in light heavy balancing, had no superior. A fair ventriloquist, imitation of chime bells best we ever heard. For some years did show business on his own hook and the Palace Show became well known in western Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. Unassuming, gentlemanly in deportment, liberal almost to a fault, despite his profession no bad habits, about 49 years of age.

Farmer Center:

A large Christmas party given at the residence of Mrs. Armina Allen. Dance at Allens Hall by E.E. Martin Christmas Eve, a grand success, 45 couples nearly all masked. A nice lot of good things brought and supper served. All had a good time including the small boy who stole into the supper room and took what pie and cake he could eat while the company tripped the light fantastic.
Defiance:

Toledo has a toboggan slide why not Defiance? Burgland and Sheed got an order for 40,000 or 10 car loads of pails. A valuable team of Ted LeSure lost through the ice on Maumee near the Fort Grounds. A place where ice was cut before the late freeze.

We wish to thank Antwerp correspondent for the offer of a bath to remove the oil coating. Better be coated with oil than canal moss.
Coburntown:

Washington Hart busy delivering brick for the W.O. Hughes building.
Betsy Coburn born June 7, 1812 died Dec. 22, 1886. Funeral Disciple church. Rev. J.A.Thomas.

Farmer Dist. school report:
Boys 28 Girls 15, lists students.
Assignee appointed for Nelson Bros. Grocers, Hugh Nelson.

A great deal of hauling of logs, good sleighing, snow a bit deep in woods.

A large amount of corn being hauled from Paulding Co. to Williams where the crop was short.
Andress and Scott butchers have moved to new building next to Kleckners.

George Balser and sister Mrs. Alfred Ginter visited relatives in Fostoria.

Charles Bassett will build east of the Lutheran Church.

The Ohio river is being stocked with black bass.

Ainsworth Boon and Bevington shipped a car of clover seed today, another car to be shipped. A car load worth $2,000.00

Michael Rice a wealthy bachelor of Defiance purchased the Ehrhart Block for $6,000.00, much impressed with Hicksville.

Last month was the biggest for Miller and Jeffries by $500.00.

At a recent wedding near Archbold eight kegs of beer and twenty gallon of whiskey consumed. One young fellow was trundled home in a wheel barrow and was dead on arrival.
Letter from A.L. Ridenouer of La Junta, Colorado.

Wending way westward, on a grade rising 85 feet per mile. a large engine with three coaches now that train is divided. etc.

S. Blodgett arranged a surprise for his wife's 53rd. birthday.Taken to visit her sister Mrs. Warren Smith.
Lists gifts and givers including:
G.K. Otis, Myron Schell, Cowhick, W.A. Maxwell,Mrs J.F. Hiscot, H.H. Akley, J.W. Kleckner.

Hicksville elevator,4,671 wagon loads of wheat received, 186 cars shipped containing 40 to 42,000 pounds or 121,029 bushels. Shipped
14 cars of oats, 12,225 bushels, also 4 cars or 2,571 bushels of rye
Wheat is now 78 cents, Oats 28, rye 45 cents.
Accidents:In Fort Wayne a sleigh hit by a train,three ladies killed, seven frightfully injured. Ladies begged the driver to stop but he continued. The gentlemen of the party jumped and saved themselves.

Hicksville saloon keepers to protest ordinance. Wertz considering wholesaling, Schlatter opening a restaurant.

Monday at two A.M. with 20 to 30 waiting to board the train (flag stop)the train sped on through,agent forgot to send the stop order.

Married at Farmer, Prof. G.W. Hootman and Miss Clara Richardson, by Rev. J.R. Colgan of Edgerton. The new bride will be musical director of the Defiance Normal College.

Brown and Behne of Defiance opening a furniture and picture frame store next to the J.W. Bruce grocery.

News Jan. 13, 1887

County Commissioners will not accept the proposal that they build the sidewalks on one side of the new Maumee bridge.

Henry Langdon a pioneer died of dropsy at the age of 60. Rev. Crary .

Christmas at the childrens home. Some had never seen a Christmas tree. We wish to thank all who so generously contributed. List of contributors and their gifts.

Great excitement at Georgetown (Ney) over the prospects of securing the railroad that strikes Bryan and Sherwood. The farmers are subscribing liberally under the smiles and smooth talk of Bryan soliciting committee.

Cecil to Jackson, Mich. within three years when completed will be a through line from great lakes to Cincinnati.

Six Corners:

Our new saw mill men busy hauling logs off the Henry Hulbert farm in Milford township Improvement on Amos Forlow barn. The old barn built twenty years ago has been raised and made into a bank barn having an eight foot basement. It required 78,000 brick and many pounds of cement for the floor. With the new roof, ventilators and repainted makes the model barn of township.

Williams Center:

Sleighing is great,an open winter? 15 inches of snow on the level.

Social event of past week, wooden wedding of Morthen Walt and wife. January 5th. at home of Wm.Price the maiden home of Mrs. Walt.

40 guests engaged themselves in checker, euchre and dominoes.

A splendid lap supper served, the Center band furnished the music.

Hicksville school report, lists all classes, those who were not tardy or absent in December.

Defiance Express:

Two gallon liquor stores in town, anarchy where is thy blush.
Oh modesty where is thy sweet face,
Decency we see not,even thy ghost.

The 40 cent thermometers said 22 below. The $15 dollar Paris thermometer agreed. Pretty cold but went 4 degrees colder last year.

One furnace will not heat the M.E. Church, another added this week.

Obit: Charles Barney, died suddenly at his desk in Milford Twp.

Born in Milton Twp. Chittenden Co. Vermont Jan. 9, 1823, attended district school in native place until 14 when he removed to Erie Pa.

There he attended Academy three years, and for six months teaching math. in room two. October 1840 he came to this Twp. traveling on foot from Maumee City to Defiance, ferried over by Mr. Strait. Peoples horror of the Black Swamp kept people from emigrating, now no better spot than this. Mr. Barney taught school at $10. a month, $5.00 from state funds the balance raised from the parents in proportion to the number of students sent. He taught eight winters and as there was no money,deer hides and coon skins were legal tender. He has in his possession a grind stone received from Rev. N. Crary in payment of tuition in 1843, which has done service every since.

He went with ox team and 20 bushels of wheat to Defiance in 1843, sold the wheat for $10.00, bought a barrel of salt for $18.00.

Married April 2, 1845, Miss Uretta C. Hopkins from St. Laurence Co. N.Y. and came to Farmer Twp.Children Zoviah born Apr. 23, 1846;

Wesley O. born Aug. 23, 1848. He held office of Justice of Peace from 1846 to 1870.

The Bryan Press says more destitute families in Bryan than for years.

A new enterprise in Auburn is a band saw mill.

Lilly Pettit organist at M.E.Church presented with a leather bound volume of hymnal.

Members of the Farmer Mutual Fire Protection organization of Defiance Co. met at Farmer Center Saturday and elected the following officers: Richard Knight Pres.William Yeagly V.Pres.John Price, A.L. Ridenouer and C.F.Goller Directors, John Price Treasurer, G.D.Ensign Secretary. Membership is steadily increasing, numbering over 300, representing $470,000 worth of property insured. But one assessment last year, 2 mills.
C.G. Porter and his sister Mrs M.C. Farnham of Edgerton recently came into $4,000.00 apiece by death of a brother. Keeps green the memory of the donor.

Oak, Ash Hickory logs wanted, highest prices paid. Kerr Brothers

News Jan 20, 1887
The Hicksville G.A.R. Post it's organization and work, 1 & 1/2 Columns concluded next week. Twenty eight charter members.
The first officers were Commander Johnson O. Foot. S.V.C I E. Kintigh. J.V.C T.C. Kinmont. Chaplain E.E. Hale, Adjt. J.O.Rose. Q.M. S. Moore. O.D. W.J. Henry, O.G. L. Ferris, Surg. W.D. Otis,Post inspector G. Flint, Sgt. Maj. James Bevington, O.M.Sgt. George R. Brown.
Charter April 1, 1881, Named for Isaac Dunafin a prisoner at Andersonville. Died in the explosion of the ship Sultana on the way home after the war.

The soldier's monument contracted by Willet & Darby to cost less than $1,200. Contract for $896 plus gilded lettering at $25.00. to be dedicated July 4, 1882.

Coles Corners:
A.D. Bice came close to drowning while taking ice from the St.Joe river. Five miles from home, clothes frozen stiff. Pepper tea and local option 1/2 pint soon caused a circulation.

Obit: Coles Corners.
Martin Souers died at residence in Allen Co. Jan. 17. Wa born in Germany near Manheim on the Rhine Sep. 19, 1820. Came to Ashland Co O. in 1840, married Miss Mary Benninghof Apr.15,1845. Moved to Allen Co. spring of 1852. Leaves wife and ten children,all present at his sickness and death. one brother and one sister living is ill. M.E. Church Rev. Wesner, Scipio Cem.
Defiance: Talk of a new Opera house.
Dan. Krotz Grocery opened. the 27th. grocery.
Toboggan slide from Frank Knapp residence to river.
Petitions circulated for a new bridge on Maumee at some point west of the State bridge.
About $9,000 in Dow money has been paid to the treasury of Defiance Co. Three fourths of which is to city or town where saloon is located.

Antwerp wants a bank in which to deposit it's surplus wealth.
A Paulding Co. young man Thomas Pemberton, lost in the burning wreck in Republic. Was returning from eastern Ohio,

Obit: Isaac Moore died of strangulated hernia at age of 65. Son of Alexander and Elizabeth.the former of Pa.the latter of Ohio.Was born in Jefferson Co. Dec 30, 1821, married April 2, 1846 to Sarah, daughter of Isaac and Dorothy Miller, born in Holmes Co.Apr.30 1821. Eight children, Alexander, Nancy, Martha, Abraham, Isaac, Elizabeth, Etta M and Akin M. all survived except Etta, died in infancy. The eldest daughter Nancy married Frank Dallrymple Apr.20,1876. and Alexander married Annie Crowl, daughter of Isaac. Mr. Moor the desceased settled in Defiance Co. 1853. He taught schools, was a pioneer. Presbyterian Church. Rev. Wight. Hicksville cemetery..

Gillingham and Rose, successors to Gillingham and Potter have leased the Crowl and Arnold factory on Bryan Street to engage in the manufacture of all kinds of moulding, scroll and bracket work and continue the business of contracting and building. Mr. Potter is employed as bookkeeper.

Election of officers of the Farmers and Merchants Bank.
F.N. Horton Pres. W.E. Dittenhaver Cashier. The year proved satisfactory and profitable, firmer footing with the public each year. The officers are cautious and watchful, the stockholders are responsible and leading farmers and business men.

Mrs. Joseph Postlewaite who lost two sons and a husband in the Republic wreck will sue the B.& O. for $25,000. damages.

Europe is taking 2,000,000 bushels of wheat weekly from the U.S.
Prediction is that May wheat will be at $1.00.

Samuel Ebaugh died Sunday, Microscopic exam of a portion of arm muscle showed trichinae from eating raw pork.

Married: William Shanklin and Mary Jane Chapman, both of Milford, at the Farmer residence of J. Wesley Bair by S.S. Hyde Jan. 11th.

Loren Hutchins brought to the Hicksville elevator on bobs with a small team, at one load 213 bushels of oats, later 132 bushels of wheat. The largest loads ever brought on bobsleds. Thomas Carey on wagon 105 bushels C.M. Miller brought 107 bushels on wagon.
Bryan Democrat:

A.L. Spangler gave a mammoth sleigh ride New Years afternoon.Six huge sleds closely coupled, drawn by six horses. The rear box occupant the Cornet Band, the other boxes by rosy cheek girls, the side walks crowded.After a half hour the girls gave way to the boys.

Alex Bevington veteran auctioneer, well known for miles around Hicksville where ever a sale is cried, is under the weather this winter. Commenced his career as auctioneer in eastern part of the state 40 years ago. He had been elected constable and on occasion required to offer goods for sale. People seeing that he had a gift of gab and could work chattels off to a good advantage found himself in business as an auctioneer.

He has lived in this county twenty five years, twenty two of which he has been auctioneering. He has cried 360 sales, price received was $5.00. The average from $ 2 to $10 the highest ever $15.00. His largest sale was for Thomas and Creg Biglow, the Biglow farm about the close of the war $3,156,next largest was that of Jay Forder near the river $1,900. He says it always came natural, can still talk easily enough but riding any distance is wearing on his strength. As an auctioneer second to none. As a talker can't be beat.

Cranky again: Much on saloons and the Dow law. Troubled about the B&O railroad horror where so many lives were sacrificed. He thought taxed whiskey would make R.R. men just as drunk and incapacitate them for work and duty as free whisky. and that these men that were drunk on the freight train that died on the track got their liquor at a Dow saloon in Fostoria and Tiffin under the same law as permits saloons to sell as agents in closed saloons.

News Jan. 27, 1887

Almost a column listing 155 Hicksville G.A.R. members. Among them Peter Countryman, of Co. F. 44th Indiana Vol. Infantry.

Hicksville Anarchism. 3/4 column.
I call attention to the "Bastards of Commerce" to awake a sentiment against these Hell Holes and the soul wreckers who have them in charge. The "crank" I take it is a fervent prohibitionist who at the least provocation and least plausable excuse fires off for absolute prohibition at random.

Many a time have I stood with bated breath listening to the over powering logic of these Democratic and Republican politicians. Many times musing and wondering how providence should have bestowed such favor on a comparative few.

I am no politician, in moral philosophy I've never seen the word used. I submitted the legal proposition involved to the best legal talent and obtained the opinion that the Hicksville saloon and dive keepers violate the law every moment they keep their doors open to sell by the gallon.

Alias Silva.

It looks like Defiance will not get to vote on prohibition. With the Dow law declared constitutional the liquor dealers have paid the tax and the penalty. They resolve to obey the law of the city and it's ordinances. Public feeling has undergone a radical change in favor of the saloonists. Sixty days ago prohibition would have carried. Now 6 to 1 against.

The fourth of Mrs. Hicks-Lord's Thursdays in December was even more brilliant than those that preceeded it. The light,the flowers and music gave token to the unfailing taste and hospitable intent which characterize Mrs. Hicks-Lord's entertainments. one always expects something novel and beautiful. Landers Band gave forth it's softest strains, alternating with a quartette of male voices singing Scotch airs in honor of his Grace the Duke of Sutherland and his party who came early and stayed late. He was enjoying a New York "at home" British and American flags surounded the portrait of the Queen. The fun was the bag pipes, Scotchmen in Highlander's dress, wearing the Sutherland plaid. They piped their way through the rooms piping "Coming Through the Rye" and gave a clan march. Some of the "fair ones" were inclined to stop their ears. The old hero General Sherman especially enjoyed it surrounded by many admiring worshipers (Listed were hundreds of guests.).

Williams Center:

Thursday A.M. the sun shown on 15" of snow. Saturday the ground was bare, never to our knowledge has so great a depth of snow melted by wind and sun in so short a time.
Four sled loads of 64 persons with the band made a raid on T. Newcomer in Bryan, taking oysters with them. Young and old seemed in the jolliest mood, and for fun it "took the cake".

a letter from William Bender of Janesville, Iowa.

Fountain Chapel Corners:

Paulding furnace south of Cecil will start running in the spring.
Oscar Munger has purchased a large Huber traction engine manufactured at Marion, Ohio, to power the Munger shingle factory.
Representative Geyer in accordance of the prayers and petition of a large number of Paulding County people introduced a bill to abandon portion of the Wabash and Erie Canal.

Mrs. Mary Wolf of Mark Twp. died Tuesday,aged 87. Funeral services at Mc Cutchenville, Seneca County,Ohio. F.L. Forlow Esq. her guardian, through respect, accompanied her remains to the place of burial.

Obit: Louis Michael, born in Morgan Co. W. Virginia Jan. 22, 1810.
Married Louiza Elkins, Aug. 9, 1833, Came to Defiance Co. in 1835.
Died Jan. 25 1887. Evangelical Church, S.B. Kring, burial Hicksville Cemetery.

Kerr Brothers have 8 A. of logs in their yards at Hicksville piled three deep on average.In addition they have many logs at Mark Center and Sherwood. They have paid out $ 10,000.00 this year for timber.

Garrett Herald published a list of buildings erected in 1886. $84,175.00.

Andrew Hilbert of Lost Creek started for Hicksville Saturday but was taken sick on the way, had to be taken back home.

Charles Bair has taken the contract to haul 200 cords of wood to be used for burning brick at Hattery & Wisebaker kiln this summer.

Mrs. Simpson entertained the Harmonica Club. The great feature of the entertain-ment was Dr. Tannehill's performance on the harp.

The ladies of Hicksville are invited to visit the exhibit of the Standard Sewing Machine Co. and see specimens of arasene, etching and tinsel work and see it done. When the exhibit came Monday it was found that the bars of the cage were broken and the African Lion had escaped, J.O. Rose was called to recage him.

At Evangelical Sunday School; Frank Coughanouer was elected Supt. Emmet Nelson Ast. Ed Hartzler Secy.B.Davis Treas. Luby Hartzler and Rachel Miller Librarians, Mary Kring, Ida Nelson, Hattie Snyder, Organists. May Kring and C.C.Lehman Chorusters.

Representatives of the new Railroad were in Bryan, they want $100,000.00 and right of way from Cecil to the Michigan line. The Committee decided that Cecil should raise $6,000.00, Sherwood $8,000.00, Georgetown (Ney) $5,000.00, Bryan $50,000.00, Pulaski $4,000.00, West Unity $23,000.00, Alvordton $4,000.00 by February.

Toledo Bee:

The B&O has taken the step of asking that a temperance pledge be signed as the pay car is distributing the $50,000.00 pay roll to employees. Those refusing to sign are fired. an outgrowth of the Republic disaster.

Our correspondent believes that Hicksville would vote to repeal prohibtion now that the saloons are "Gallon Houses" absolute prohibition is preferred but the saloons might as well be paying the Dow Tax. By the gallon or by the drink is the same misery.

An interesting exhibition two doors west of the Swilley House by John Amadon representative of the Standard Sewing Machine. He is assisted by Mrs Webster Miller and local agen James M. Tayler. The work on exhibition is valued at $4,000.00. Bill Sykes and his dog in the etching sketch and don't fail to see Niagara Falls.

The High School Library Society exercise to a crowded house.
The question Resolved that woman should have the right of suffrage.
Miss Spencer and L.T.Comparett the affirmative. Miss Wilson and Marvin Smith the negative.

The affirmative took the view that man and woman are equal and that the politics of the country needs refining and woman would assist in refining it.Woman can govern,as the Queen of England has for fifty years. A woman should vote and assist in making laws and a better government.

The negative claimed that a woman's place is in her own home. She should not desert her family and household duties and enter the wild political arena, engage in political schemes and frauds practiced by politicians.She would lose her dignity and position in society.

After being discussed from both standpoints the decision was rendered to the affirmative.
Meeting of the C. O. of H. topics:
Resolved: Intemperance caused more suffering than the sword. Decided in the negative.

Organized as a modern Senate each member was allotted a State to represent and once a month a Congressional meeting. Bills introduced,the usual debate in the next three weekly meetings
Dakota Territory the cause of much excitement,a coming topic, California.
Youthful America is bound to orate and in these meetings spasmodic bursts of oratory and streams of eloquence exude the atmosphere.

Defiance:
A proposal to erect a boarding hall for students at Defiance Normal College. The estimated cost for the building is $5,000.00.
Joseph Daust,timber merchant,has purchased 4,000 black walnut trees in Virginia and Kentucky. Will manufacture and ship to Quebec.
C & G. items.
Sam Betz bought the sleigh at H.L. Beach's sale. Watch out girls!
He has his eyes on someone.
Christopher Gruber is now the oldest resident in Springfield township, he came in 1836.

Maysville:
The Reichelderfer Brothers are running a first class butcher shop. They have put up a large ice house and filled it for summmer use.
J. Kuns & Seninger are putting up an agriculture building. Mr. Kerns will canvas for Empire binders and mowers, Mr. Eninger will remain in the store.

News Feb.3, 1887.

Mrs. Hicks-Lord At Home. The last of a series of receptions.
She wore a black velvet Worth costume relieved with a berthe of finest Mechlin lace, a superb stomacher and shoulder buckles of diamonds and sapphires. Necklaces and bracelets of diamonds and pearls, and diamonds in her hair rich enough to ransom a princi-pality. The ladies assisting in receiving were: Mrs. Cyrus W. Field in scarlet velvet trimmed with point lace and ornamented with diamonds and pearls. An interesting feature was the presence of young Mr. Dodge and wife nee Bigelow, accompanied by ten bridesmaids and groomsmen who attended them at their wedding. Among the musical selections was a waltz composed and dedicated to Mrs. Hicks-Lord by her friend Mrs. Raymond Marcy. The Tyrolean Trio, the Martins Yodel, Cuban virtuoso selection on the violin, Chevalier B. de Galas.

The main hall decorated with superb Longiflorum and Martagon lilies, cabinets in the drawing rooms laden with the finest roses, white hyacinth, lilies of the valley, violet and other sweet scented flowers. The colors heightened by the light of the chandeliers, lamps and the glow of the blazing wood fires on the hearth.

On Jan. 26 Mrs. Hicks-Lord and her party of guests occupied box 33 at the Charity Ball. She wore a robe of black velvet from Worth of Paris made with decolete coreage, neck pointed in front and back and filled and relieved with the most delicate point d'Augville. On her shoulders were tufts of the finest white ostrich tips confined with diamond clips 3" in length.On her bosom a superb stomacher of diamonds and sapphires, around her neck she wore a diamond necklace the wonder and admiration of all the fashionable world. This plus a necklace consisting of a dozen or more strings of pearls with bracelets of strung pearls fastened by large diamond clasps. Earrings of magnificent solitaire diamonds and an aigrette of ostrich tips confined by a chain of diamonds in her hair. this elegant toilet supplimented by a unique fan of point d'Aencon mounted in pearl and gold worn suspended by a chain of diamonds and pearls attached to a Chatelaine brooch of diamonds and pearls.
Mrs. Lord's escort to the hall was General W.T. Sherman, through him she extended invitations

to the ball to General Schofield and staff and a number of other army officers, all of whom with the exception of full uniformed General Sherman wore gentleman's evening dress.
Her box was the center of attraction. Attended till one A.M.

Mrs. Cyrus Field of eight East Fifty Sixth Street entertained Mrs. Hicks-Lord at a luncheon with 14 ladies, personal friends of Mrs. Lord. Table decorations 14 baskets of roses distributed to the guests after the repast. Music on zithers and mandolins concealed behind a lattice.

Fountain Chapel Corners:
The editor of the Argus thinks the attempt to blow up the canal feeder was the work of Chicago dynamiters. He thinks it singular that Chicago should manifest such interest in our afairs.
The canal and reservoir is exciting considerable attention at the present. A committee of six legislators appointed to view the canal and reservoir. In additon to the committee, nine other Representatives. (listed). The people are enthused at the interest.

The land beneath the reservoir comprises some of the richest land in the state. Though rather low the people are preparing to give the land a thorough draining. Thousands of tile are scattered through the fields to be put in the ground in the spring.

A large tile factory is just below Antwerp. With proper drainage the land can become the garden of the County. One member of the committee remarked he had seen enough canal. The legislators discovered the unanimous sentiment of the Antwerp people, hopeful ot the abandonment of 2,800 acres in the reservoir. Owned by the State, Mr. Geyer's bill provides for appraisment and sale of the land.

Fairview:
In spite of local option, the Dow Law or third party prohibition, the Marie de Larme was full again last week.

Thomas Carr has bought the timber off Fred Morneau's land and has got out 150,000 feet of logs. D.A. Hopkins & Arthur Summers are cutting. He will raft them to Defiance.
Six Corners:
Andrew Hilbert has had a severe attack of Pneumonia & pleurisy, better.

Williams Center:
The Dow Law has no effect on our village as no saloons have had enough trade to be here for 15 years. What town of 300 can say as much?

J.W.Polac of Bryan has informed us that he had received a letter from Rep. Solomon Johnson of Williams Co. stating that an act had been passed in the legislature authorizing the Commissioners of Defiance Co. to levy a tax of $100,000.00 for the purpose of building a foot bridge across the Maumee sufficiently strong that a railroad may lay it's tracks on top. All of which we can see through. The first north and south rail that reaches Defiance will have the use of it at the expense of the County. We think the footpaths on each side of the Clinton Street bridge are suffient to accommodate pedestrians. The pontoon was sufficient for six months but now that the bridge is completed they seem to be bitten by the "big head". To make Defiance look more citified they want a foot path. They certainly need the foot with a # ten boot on it without the path. The west end should fight it, we trust that Commissioner Clemmer will work in the interest of the West End.
Halls Corners:
The marriage of Irving C. Hall and Miss Anna Frease, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Frease. Rev. J. Shaffer and Rev. J.A. Beaty.
The infair at the groom's parents the following day,Mr.and Mrs. N.B. Hall. The guests and gifts are listed.

Edgerton Observer:
Milford, at the residence of Henry Miller Saturday evening, Jan.22nd.
The marriage of his eldest daughter, Carrie E. to F.M. Light the young gentleman conducting the winter term of school. Mr Light thinks strongly of locating in Washington Territory in the spring and will of course take his young bride.

Forest and Stream will publish the Audubon Magazine.

Defiance Call:

Two ladies from Hicksville of doubtful character in the County with two Appolos from further west have been making themselves conspicuous for a week past. One of the ladies we are told has a doting husband who remains in delightful ingnorance of her actions.
Dr. Holbrook removes his dental office to rooms over the Peoples Drug.
James Stafford who recently received back pension has purchased the Joseph Berger property.
James Lindsay of Milford will erect a brick residence on his farm this coming summer. Frank Rinier will do the brick work, Gillingham and Rose the carpentry work.

Enrollment of the Defiance Normal College the 1st.term 100, winter 90.
A rushing season for saw mills and manufacturers in Hicksville. Clay and Crowl run till 9 P.M. Kerr Brothers day and night
Adam Waltenberger plowed up a silver coin. On one side inscribed: HISPAN ETIND Rex M 2 R.F.M.the other side DEI GRATIA 1786 Carolus III.

Several articles relating to Mrs Hicks-Lord's receptions have appeared recently in the News. As the town of Hicksville was named for it's founder Henry W. Hicks and her name is inseperably associated with the History of the town and many know her personally, we felt the articles would interest our readers.
Obit: James Morgan, son of William and Mary Morgan born in Wayne Co. Ohio Oct. 3, 1823. Came to Crawford Co. at the age of 8 with parents. Four sisters and two brothers of whom four survive: three sisters and one brother. In 1848 married Elisabeth Dewalt who died Dec. 1854, blessed with two children one surviving. In 1856 married Margaret Gilbert the present wife. Mr. Morgan was one of the first pioneers of the County. settled on the present farm soon after he arrived, resided there to his death Jan.29. Nine grand children, two that have gone. Rev. J. Wesner, Hicksville Cemetery.

News Feb. 10, 1887
Briefs from the North West, letters to and from the editor of News.
The News staff meet and have a good time. One and a half column.
Bryan Democrat.

On the West Unity road two and a half north east of Bryan is a granite stone inscribed "Old Bill age 38" The grave of a favorite horse owned by Jacob Youse.

How To Be A Nobody

Pretending to seek the public good.
Accommodating oneself to all opinions, disposition and prejudice.
He favors law he dislikes it, goes from man to man loving in one case criticizing to another.
Attends meetings on intemperance then makes every saloon free to drinkers. Always a Methodist till he meets a Presbyterian, then he is a Presbyterian.
Men who will admit that he has not a solitary moral virtue will vote for him and assist him to

obtain the office he desires. The biggest nobody in the world is the demagogue, found not only in politics but in every profession. The smallest nobody of all is the wholesale liquor dealer.

Special Legislation:

The article about the "bridge act" though proved to be a false alarm it served a good purpose. The investigation by the tax payers of Defiance of the "fire work"of a few who for the past 5 or 6 years worked the" special act scheme". Previous to the reign of Elmer White of coal oil fame it was not possible for citizens and tax payers of a county to be subjected to onerous burdens for the benifit of any special locality. But the Senator Feb.16,1883 tried to repeal the statutes on the subject (Vo. 80 pg.21) Ohio law.He failed but took on the task again March 15,1883, Vol.80 pg.58 and accomplished the task. He left the County for the County's good.
God have mercy on Lucas County. The bonded debt of Defiance City increased $105,500.00 which at 6% makes a tax of $6,330.00 for interest alone. March 31, 1886 a special act authorizing a $35,000.00 County indebtedness should be expended in Defiance. It is time to call a halt short of bankruptcy. We call on the Defiance Democrat and Defiance Call to apprise the people of Defiance of their finances.

A worthy object. We learn that the young people's Library Society are going to invite their kinsmen, friends, and neighbors to attend a public entertainment to be given at the Opera House. To hear our Lewis, Minnie Marvin, Jennie, Carrie, Sarah and lots of others express their thoughts on subjects of interest all minds are seeking out. For this they ask that you drop silver at the door to be used as a fund to add to the public school library.

The editor is a believer in libraries stored with good books, as to them he found them in the old Township library and in the office of his venerable friend Bela Edgerton. For the little store house of knowlege from which he draws. I say to you parents that with good books for companions for your children, you need not fear an hour of sorrow. So come one and all and brighten your homes by contributing of your means for brain food for your children.

A farmer must walk 450 miles to put in and tend 40 acres of corn. Plowing with a 16" three horse plow, 450 miles to harrow prior to planting 100 miles, to mark out, 50 miles, to cultivate 300 miles, 800 miles gathering.

Ohio proposes a Centennial in the new Fair Grounds in 1888, illustrative of 100 years of growth.

It is said that Hicksville's saloons are selling liquor by the glass. The saloon keepers defiance of the law and contempt for it is the best temperance work that could be desired. The best and only thing to do to cure the curse is to cut the dog's tail off close to his head.

The Edgerton Observer has been purchased by Charles Austin of Edgerton. Formerly of the Bryan Democrat replacing J.R. Smalley.

Albert Randolf has rented part of the office of Dr. Combs and will open his new dental parlor next week. Papered and painted makes nice rooms.

A.L. Snyder has traded to Amos Keener a piece of land on Dutch Street for the house and lot near the Anchor Mills known as the "long home" and will move to town.

Railroad scheme, Fremont, O. to Butler, Ind. Bowling Green and Napoleon. We will see what we shall see.

The Crary Bowersox debate is to be published the cost 10 cents a copy. 500 copies go to Isabella Co. Michigan.

Dr. Combs stove had never burned right,was advised to put a stack on the chimney and did so without improvement. Stack on wrong chimney, now fine.

Elizabeth Rex born in Schuykill Co. Penn. Sep 23, 1814. Baptized Oct.23. confirmed in the Evangelical Lutheran Church as an adult. Married George Rex who survives. Eight children, died Feb 2, 1887.

"Young Joe" Martin Sower's well known Norman stallion is for sale at a reasonable price.

Barzellia Osmun son of Varzellia and Elizabeth Osmun, born Lebanon, Warren Co. Ohio Feb. 28, 1811. Removed with parents to Allen Co. where he grew to manhood. Married May 5, 1842 Rebecca Handthorn who survives. Eight children all living but one that died in infancy. Moved his family to Farmer Twp. Old man's dyspepsia in agony till death Feb.3,1887. Post mortem showed a fibrous tumor one and a half pound in the great messen-tery.A member of the M.E.Church 42 years ago. Lost Creek, Rev. Colgan.

News Feb. 17, 1887

Objectionable literature; The Novel. one column.

1. Reading of an objectionable novel a waste of time.
2. They present a false and guilded view of life and unfit you for it's stern realities
3. This sort of literature is a lie in it's entirety, makes heros of fiends and devils.
4. It poisons your tastes and descrimination for the good, the pure and the beautiful in literature and may harden your heart against the realities of life.

West End:

The St. Joe river was the highest last week in ten years.

Mark:

Wet weather, Platter creek higher than since made.

Williams Center:

High waters last week destroyed considerable of the gravel roads east and south of here. G.W. Eager and Ezra Gabriel, T.N. Perkins and families will move from here to Edgerton to work for Briggs Manufacturing Co. They were all band members and their removal will break up the band. We congratulate Edgerton on their reinforcements.

Fairview:

The Marie DeLarme was the highest in years, up twice last week. Feared the Maumee would break the Antwerp grade, the freeze forstalled it.

Much road washout, culverts and small bridges.

Farmer:

Rumor that R.E. Foot will open a store in the Allen block.

Who carried off Mr. Fordham's lantern? A mean trick on a dark night.

William Lord and C.M. Rogers were in town asking assistance to build a church at Mud Sock, met with good success.

Prof. A.L. Biglow has purchased a horse and a new gig and will work for the Farmer Twp. Insurance Co. this year.

Six Corners:

B.L. Kelsey has worked for A. Forlow five years and in all that time has not been absent to exceed five weeks.

Old settlers here say the water was higher last week than ever known. Some roads are impassable because of bridge wash outs. Supervisors are busy repairing them.

With gallon saloons in Hicksville any one carrying a jug is suspect, even when told it is buttermilk.

Beware of the sickle sharpeners, they leave a sample and later stranger collectors come to collect on your note for $245.00
Bryan has raised the full amount of assessment for the new railroad.

The B&O will build a private side track for Kerr Brothers factory.
Buckeye Furniture shipped a car of knock-down tables to Pittsburg.

F.A. Patterson has adopted Johnson's new telescope eye tester, Gives excellent results. No charge to test eyes.
Poor spectacles are worse than none for preserving good eye-sight.
Have your eyes tested and fit with proper spectacles by Patterson.

On the strength of differences relating to the reservoir, Antwerp has boycotted the Toledo Bee and a Defiance Grocery wholesale house.

William Correll, son of John is manager of the Aldine Hotel.

Jack Dickerhoff will build a brick in Hattery addition.
Edgerton Observer:
When a daughter is born to an employee of the Wabash in Butler, the flag is at half mast. When son is born and the flag is flown as high as possible.

The mail carrier couldn't make the trip from Farmer to Hicksville last week because of the high water at Lost Creek. Another party however took letters only on horseback and had a narrow escape from drowning.
J.W. Bice has traded his interest in the Anchor Flour Mill to Emanuel Gingery for his farm on Dutch Street.

The young men of the Congenial Association of Matrimonial Candidates gave a party in the Knight's of Labor Hall. Wednesday evening.
A valentine party was given in the same hall.
The Cemetery Association has purchased two acres of the Landis boys and Alfred Cook adjoining the cemetery on the south. Setting trees and fence as well as underdraining. $500.00 will be spent this season.
C.M. Overholt has purchased the Hardware Store of Wesley Batchelor, will continue in the Commercial Block. Also machinery business..
At Evansport water the highest ever known, a number of families forced to move out. Water two foot deep in home of C.D. Replogel, cattle and hogs were put in the hay mow for Safety. He lost 200 bu. of wheat, all his oats, corn fodder all under water. Almost took the east bridge.

R.S. Mc Kahn representing Davis & Rankin proprietors of Chicago Creamery Association has been in town for a couple weeks making an effort to organize a Company to start a creamery here in Hicksville.
A Committee consisting of Messrs. Joseph Dowell, J.M. Ainsworth and A. Hattery visited the creamery in Bowling Green last week and are well satisfied and think it would be a profitable establishment for Hicksville. The Co.has recently constructed a creamery at Defiance, Bowling Green and Wauseon. A capital of $5,000.00 is required to place a creamery all complete and ready to run. Capacity of 1,600 pounds of butter per day. A benefit to farmers as they will earn more. Wagons will drive over the country in every direction buying cream.
They also will drive to the farmer's door to pay for it every month.

Toledo Bee: Bryan

Belcher # 1 should be the name of the new gas and oil well. At 8:30 Saturday night a gush of oil 100 feet from the mouth, it at once caught fire and the excitement was at a high pitch. The blaze soon put out, another gush at 4:20 A.M. Awakend the neighbors and the evening exhibition repeated. Tools rope and lower part of the derrick saturated with oil. 12:30 noon another gush came followed by two others. The first lasted three and one half minutes, the second a little longer and the third five minutes. Lots of talk about the new well more than the R.R.but we will get both. The sand and gravel in the well is altogether different than taken from any other well in the State. Strong talk of drilling for gas by individuals in different parts of town, Enterprise is the answer. The well and the R.R. will bring a boom to our town it is said by men of good judgement that if the gas were confined it would light our streets.

Washing machine swindle. A fellow stopped at the home of Joseph Edgar six miles south of Hicksville, one mile west of the Pike and took dinner. Enquired if they had a washing machine and remarked during dinner that he had sold machines and there was big money in it.
He ended by saying he could get them one free by sending to some N.Y. novelty house and getting a sample. All Mr. Edgar had to do was recommend it to his neighbors. He then required Mr. Edgar to sign a paper saying he would recommend it.
In the course of a week or so two men drove up, one said he was a livery man from Angola, the other a lawyer from Cincinnatti. They had his order for 49 washing machines. Mr. Edgar denied signing an order but they said he had and they would proceed to sue him for the amount in U.S.Court at Cincinnatti if he didn't pay as it was a patent he couldn't sue him here. Said the machines were at the depot in Hicksville. Mr. Edgar finally gave his note for $192,00. payable in ninety days. He came to town and found that there were no washing machines at the depot. He notified the Merchants and Farmers Bank not to honor the note which is invalid as obtained by fraud. Same deal as the Sickle Machine that hit Blair in Farmer.

Baltimore Chronicle:

Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton recently put a young lady candidate through an examination she did not bargain for. She came in to his office with a face as red as a full blown rose. On close examination the Civil Service Commissioner who although old in years is young in sight and heart discovered the rosey face was paint & powder. Mr. Edgerton hates anything artificial, looked at her and asked if she expected to have a husband, startled she replied "certainly". If I were a young man calling on you I would prefer to see your face. Do you suppose a young man would want to fight through the paste and powder to kiss you? No the young man wants the true article, not a mouth full of paste and powder. You have a good complexion, good color and skin, use soap and water and you will find a young man will like you better. She thanked the Commissioner for his advice and called on him a few days later without a trace of paint and powder.

The passenger train from the east was much delayed yesterday by an accident at Seneca between Tiffin and Republic, A Drive rod broke, knocked off the top of the cab. Engineer Bramble was fatally injured, the fireman badly scalded.

The Dow Law:

A disturbance in the Halls of the Legislature in the winter of 1886.Various means used to quell. One Mr. Please All rose and addressed the assembly a follows.:"There are two disturbing elements, it is our duty to handle cautiously. The liquor interests and the anti-rum element. To replace the Scott Law which was declaired unconstitu-tional with the Dow Law" "I propose a Local Option law." ---"By granting the rum element to continue business by paying a two hundred dollar tax. Allowing the town's council to say you cannot sell as saloons "we must not leave the law in this condition for fear we will feel the anger of the Brewers and Distillers like a Texas

Cyclone. They will put us out of office and put in others who will protect their business. Therefore I move you that this law does not apply to manufacturers selling not less than gallon lots. Those driven out of the saloon business may become appointed agents to sell for the manufacturers. You may sell without paying the tax" etc. 1/2 column

To the council; For years past residents of High and Edgerton Streets have been imposed on by the blocking of Bryan Street which is in the most principal part of our city. Imposed on by residents of all parts of the city tresspassing on property facing High west and Edgerton St. east. I say the street as it is now blockaded, is a public nuisance. You have said Bryan should be opened to Edgerton St. but would cost a large sum of money. So do wind pumps and water tanks but it must eventually be opened. The value of the property to be purchased will increase and cost the city more. For years past, Hon.A.P. Edgerton has been endeavoring to have the street opened and has offered to grant free the neccessary lot 57 of Edgerton's 2nd. addition for that purpose.

The offer is still good but may not be held open long, why not open this spring while Mr. Edgerton is in the mood? Further than this is it is just as important to open Maple from Smith through to Cornelia

Birthday reception for Mr.J.F. Haller's 61st.birthday. 1/2column.

tem includes the guests and their gifts and a poem to Mr. Haller by Mrs. F.O. Farnsworth.

Dayton Democrat:

Gaseous and oily,if gas is not found in Defiance, considering piping from Findlay.

Stryker, Archbold, Montpelier, Butler, Auburn, Paulding and others talking of boring for gas. Excitement as great as was in the oil fields of Pennsylvania a few years ago.

Oil has ceased to flow at Bryan. One of our gas Co's. is reported to have purchased 120 acres of land for $14,500. One member of a Bryan Gas Co. remarked their Co. represented a half million dollars.

Real estate is moving so rapidly as to fairly bewilder the people. Look out for lame ducks, the oil ponds will be full of them after while. Bryanites should remember that one swallow does not make a summer and only one gas well doesn't make an oil district by a long shot.

Defiance Express:

It is generally thought by our people that a mistake was made to not drill our old gas well deeper. A few hundred more feet might have brought a big flow. If the well in east Defiance is a success the old well will be reopened or it may be done in any case. Bryan people are to be congratulated on their good luck, they deserved it after drilling down to 2,200 feet with out finding anything. Fred Le Seur has practically given 40 acres of land near Deshler to a Cincinnati capitalist who is to try it's value as oil or gas territory.

Charlie Adams says it is easier to work at his old trade bottoming chairs than working on the railroad.

Six Corners:

Andrew Hattery is working for Amos Forlow in the tile mill.

Miss Rosa Hilbert to teach summer term, begining April 4th.

Mat Theil has employed 7 teams to haul stone for his new house.

Rev. J.W. Lilly surprized his many friends by appearing at prayer meeting. A guest of Amos Forlow.

A bill to give the Gov. of Ohio $8,000. doesn't apply to the incumbent.

Farmers have been shipping their grain from Mark and Sherwood by rail because of the bad roads.

The Senate passed Emerson's bills authorizing Bowling Green and North Baltimore to issue bonds for the purpose of sinking gas wells.

A Defiance gentleman in town last Saturday said "why, you have a bigger crowd in town today than Defiance on Saturday.

March 3, 1887.

A big enterprise. We were shown through the extensive factory of Kerr Brothers and Co.They have just finished moving into their new building the main part is frame 50 x 140 foot. The engine and boiler room of brick is 36 x 50. A novel idea was that the boiler room was built over the old boiler of the old factory which was in use all of the time and was not stopped until the new building was ready for the new machinery to be moved in. Shafts, pulleys and belts are out of the way in the basement. Dust and shavings go to the basement and are moved to the boiler by a system of carriers. Racks with cart wheels to hold handles replace the old stationary racks. A fourth more can be done with the same labor. The machinery is run by an 80 horse power run by two boilers. The work could proceed with either one. The boiler room has steam pump for fire, plus the fire buckets distributed throughout the factory.

The dry kiln and blending room are next to the engine room, everything designed for convenience and comfort of the employees. The factory can be heated in cold weather, is well lighted with skylights and windows.

A brief history of the Company.
Established in 1874 by J.D.,T.W.and R.F.Kerr as Kerr Brothers, manu-factured principally broom handles and dimension lumber, gradually adding other handles and articles. In 1877 E.W.Crook became amember of the firm and the name changed to Kerr Brothers and Co. T.W.Kerr retiring. In 1882 Joseph D. Kerr retired, the business continued under the old name with a steady growth. They operate the saw mill at the foot of Maple Street, a portable saw mill near the factory and half interest in the Buckeye Table factory.
When they started they employed two men, now have 70 employees.
The firm manufactures all sorts of fork, shovel, hoe and rake handles. Hardwood lumber, cradle fingers, plow rounds, ice hook handles, ladder rounds, hand car handles, single trees, neck yokes, cant hooks, saw bucks, wood barley shaving and stale forks, camp stools, awning poles, tent poles, pins and stakes, trunk slats, tables and cupboards, besides special turnings to order. In the past year have furnished one hundred cars of hard wood lumber to one Company alone. This winter stocked their own yards besides four or five others with timber, (along B&O) They deal extensively in pine and poplar lumber, shingles and lath, moulding and general building material.

The demand for goods locally is extensive, they export handles in large quantities, presently making preparation s to manufacture a patent mantle folding bed.
The firm is a credit and benefit to the town. Go down sometime, look around and gain an idea of the magnitude of their business.

April 7, 1887
More morning walks:
Spring, the land and the plants reviving. Rake and hoe gotten out, many yards show signs of piles of leaves raked up and ignited sending clouds and wreaths of smoke.
Our ramblings led us from the corner of High and Main westward. The Ridge Road one of the land marks of Township and County. Originally an old Indian trail following high ground.
We noted the changes:
The center of trade has gradually drifted toward the depot. Where during the war days the Post Office, Village school and stores were there is little left to indicate.

The school house converted into a tenant dwelling house. The old P.O. a wagon shop and store buildins except Addison Goodwins converted to other purposes. Little left to indicate the former conditions. Further on the store once conducted by William Davis has been turned into a dwelling and the building once used as a provision store and bakery by John Miller. Still farther the wagon shop of Isaac Crowl has been moved to another part of town, the ground on which it stood is now part of a garden.
Ascending the rise of ground beyond: the song of a robin in the branches of one of the tall pines in front of the residence of Joseph Kerr, we could hear the faint bleating of lambs in the distance. About the thickly shaded residence of James Casebeer, near the banks of the farm creek many birds heralding spring as the flow of water beneath the bridge.

The trial of the persons accused of the Rev. Haddock murder is progressing rapidly and the cloud is thickening over the head of Whiskey Power. Rev. Haddock was the John Brown of the prohi-bition cause in Iowa without a trace of the former fanaticism.

All laws are subject to discussion, this is no exception. But the individual, (not a man) who usually is loudest in declaring business ruined by prohibition belongs to that class of individuals whose chief occupation consists in winter of warming a nail keg in the dingiest grocery in tkown and in the summer polishing a store box on the shady side of a lamp post. In the meantime living off his wife's earings for doing others weekly washings.

Bryan Press: George and Charles Roklieder have the job of the brick work on W.O. Hughes & Co block in Hicksville. Joe Hilliard has the contract for the carpenter work.
The joint discussion between Judge Bowersox and Rev. Crary has been printed in a neat pamphlet and is available for 10 cents. Proceeds of admission were donated to the Bryan Library Association.
Local Election Returns: Democratic Victory.
Report that while some Defiance workmen were endeavoring to stop the break in the embankment of the reservoir, they waked up two dynamite cartridges hidden in the bank. One man went on a voyage down the reservoir, the two others lit on the other side of the canal.

The introduction of Female Suffrage in Kansas meant little in the election as women voted with their husbands.

It is common to find lady clerks in Hicksville stores, gratifying too. As a rule ladies give as good or better satisfaction than men. Employment they can follow with profit and pleasure. A number of women are employed as milliners, dress makers, clerks in grocery and dry goods stores and offices total over a score.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Hicksville Oil Co. the principle action was to vote for a receiver, however a legal process must be followed tying the hands of the directors. It is likely that an effort will be made to purchase the stocke of members to settle the business of Co.

L.E. Griffin feeling he needed a Russian Bath, after a great deal of study hit on a plan to make his own. He put a pan beneath a chair that was heated by a lamp, as the chimney was too high he removed it. He sweated for a quarter of an hour, on emerging from the bath not like venus, found that his whole body was tinted like an Etheopean due to the smoke from the lamp. Soap and hard scouring removed it in the course of dilligent application. Most everyone knows how tight that kind of blackness sticks. Lee can give sound informantio on vapor baths.

A new swindle: One of a pair answers ads. of stock sales, inspects the cattle closely for blemishes and marks. He reports this information to his cohort who then claims the cattle stollen and proves it, describing the identifying marks.
Uncle Tom's Cabin coming: Cast of 25, two bands of music, special scenery, first class. Stetson UTC Co. every one knows will be ghe best entertainment. Pettit Opera House. Parade at 12 Tuesday. Reserved seats 50 cents all others 35 cents.

April 14th, 1887
Walks in Hicksville: A stroll down the Antwerp Pike, surveyed as a turnpike road connecting Hicksville with Antwerp on a direct line. Constructed years ago under the direction of Mr. Edgerton as a toll road. While kept up as a toll road was a very desirable one to pass over, but once the toll system was abandoned a great portion of the year was a synonym for all that is experessive of a detestable highway to be shunned. Originally constructed on a foundation of puncheons obtained from the forest on either sided of the road, placed in position and covered with soil. The mucky nature of the soil prevented it's solidifiying or uniting in the timbers. Of a consequence wheels would cut through to the timber making a very rough road. Thus exposed a road called corduroy and if the timbers were large as usuallly was the case the sensation of riding on such a road especially if the team moved at a rapid pace was one to be remembered by the passengers for many a day. The dense forest on either side prevented the drying out by the sun. The level nature of the country rendere drainage almost impossible, that is except for mid summer and mid winter. the "Pike" was little else than a mud hole.
Some 20 to 25 years ago the puncheons were pulled out and the road has gradually been picked up and graded util today it is again one of the best roads in the country. Where was an almost impenetrable forest may now be seen hospitable farm houses on either side, attractive surroundings. Our rambling led us outside the corporate limits to the residence of venerable Judge Patton, Fontland. On his farm at an early day was one of the first fountains or artesian wells. For a number of years the largest fountain was on his farm, an object of interest and cueriosity of visitors. Now so common as not to attract notice. The Judge's farm is unsurpassed in richness of soil, numerous fountains and the adoption of a system of under drainage will render it with others near the Pike the garden spot of the section.

Bryan Democrat:
T.O. Williams poans to give Bryan a hotel building to be proud of. The Bryan House will be moved he will erect a substantial brick hotel fronting 88 feet on Bryan St. and extending south on Beech.

Fountain Chapel:
Don't go west, come to Paulding Co. and blow up the country .
Paulding Gas and Oil Co. Capital $3,000.
It is stated on reliable authority that those most interested in the destruction of the canal and reservoir have organized a secret society with passes, grips and oaths and they swear never to stop their effort until the canal is destroyed. The society holds meetings almost every night and hostillities will cease only 30 days and then the Wabash canal and Paulding reservoir will be completely destroyed. Meanwhile breaks are being repaired. We do not favor blowing up the country with dynamite or any proceedings of a nihilastic nature, but when the legislature of this great state turns a deaf ear to the petititions of the people and when this act is sanctioned and approved by men who care for the advancement and interest of none but their own; we are spurned with contempt from the foot of the throne, then it's time to resort to means more effective than legislation. We would favor blowing the pond to the four corners of the earth, and if a shark interferes send him to a clime where reservoir water is more appreciated than it is in Paulding County.

West End: Never have seen clover kill like this before like this year,Wheat made half a crop. Some petty thieving, Johnathon Hart had a ham stollen from his smoke house.Suspicions.
Maysville: We noice Mr. Randolf and Mr. Grice in town Saturday, we thought so, now we are sure of it, the Lilly and the Rose are the attractions.
Lemons at the closing of H.B. Roller's school. Lemons plentiful in Indian this season.
Our correspondent believes that Hicksville would vote to repeal prohibition now that the saloons are "Gallon Houses". Absolute prohibition is preferred but the saloons might as well be paying the Dow Tax. By the gallon or by the drink is the same misery.

The High School Library Society excercise to a crowded house. The question: Resolved that woman should have the right of suffrage. Miss Spencer and L.T. Comparett the affirmative. Miss Wilson and Marvin Smith the negative.
The affirmative took the view that man and woman are equal and that the politics of the country need refining and woman would assist in refining it. Woman can govern as the Queen of England has for fifty years. A woman should vote and assist in making laws and a better government.
The negative claimed that a woman's place is in her own home. She should not desert her family and household duties and enter the wild political arena, engage in political schemes and frauds practiced by politicians. She would lose her dignity and position in society.
After being discussed from both standpoints the decision was rendered to the affirmative..

Meeting of the C.O. of H. topics;
Resolved: Intemperance caused more suffering than the sword. Decided in the negative.
Organized a modern Senate, each mkember allotted a State to represent and once a month a Congressional meeting. Bills introduced, the usual debate in the next three weekly meetings.
Dakota Territory the cause of much excitement, a coming topic, California.
Youthful America is bound to orate and in these meetings spasmodic bursts of oratory and streams of eloquence exude the atmosphere.

Defiance: A proposal to erect a boarding hall for students at Defiance Normal College. The estimated cost for the building is $5,000.

C.&G. items: Sam Betz bought the sleigh at H.L. Beach's sale. Watch out girls! Sam has his eye on someone.
Christopher Gruber is now the oldest resident in Springfield Twp. he came in 1836.

Maysville: Reichelderfer Brothers are running a first class butcher shop. They have put up a large ice house and filled it for summer use.

News April 21, 1887
Sad accident.
San Francisco, April 12, Mrs. Rebecca Henly.
On Sunday April 10 Mr. J.H. Culler in company with F. Furney of Hicksville and two other young men went out sailing on the bay. Their boat was found bottom up on the opposite side of the bay. I had tried to dissuade the boys because the wind was coming up. When and if the bodies are found it will require $125. for lot and coffin to bury each of them.
Yours truly, W.H.F. Briggs.
Mr. Briggs was Mr. Culler's partner in the publication of California Youthful Ambitions publication suspended several months ago. Mr. Culler had invested in a real estate office where he at first took a half interest.

A later clipping was about a captain of another boat who saw the cap-sized boat with three clinging to it, but he was unable to rescue.

A list of the Hicksville School students by class.

The Enterprise Exploring Co. Another company organized in Hicksville to drill for gas or oil.

Ainsworth Boon Bevington Co. tearing out partition and making alterations in the second floor sales room. The dividing wall of present room occupied as a wool ware room torn out will be plastered and fitted for a large stock of carpets, the former carpet space to be filled with clothing. Salesroom occupies 6,400 square feet, Ware room 1,300, cellar 2,100 ft.

G.W. Hootman resigned as head of the business department of Defiance Normal. Accepted a position as assistant in office of Defiance Machine Works.

Lodge of Knights of Pythias installed in Hicksville, thirty two charter members. Meeting in the G.A.R. quarters in the Central Block until the Correll Block is completed.(Two bay windows)

News April 28, 1887.
BLOWN OUT The Governor orders troops to Paulding to prevent further trouble in Paulding County.
The Toledo Blade:
April 26 another attempt to blow up the reservoir after many threats.
Serious riots feared. The Governor has ordered out troops to keep the peace. Special from Columbus, WAR IN OHIO AT LAST!
Two hundred men marched on the canal in a body, captured the guards and held them until day light, then worked all night digging a channel to let the water out. Then poured coal oil on the lock keeper's house and set it on fire. One hundred more men went to Tates and other remaining locks, blowing them up with dynamite. No locks remain on the Wabash canal.
Mob law reigns supreme. The people of Defiance and Paulding Counties call on you to protect State property.
Governor Foraker consulted with the war department, Adjt. General Axline is on the way to the seat of war, the Henry Co. militia has been sent to Defiance, other Co's of Toledo ordered into immediate readiness as local authorities are unable or unwilling to suppress.
The Governors proclamation to cease and desist.
Flickinger ordered to start at once to make repairs and warn all disturbers of the peace that they interfere at their peril.
This is literally Hell on the Wabash.

The Paulding reservoir trouble is of long standing. People contend it is a nuisance and the Geyer Bill last year to sell it caused tremendous racket involving the entire canal system. The peoples threats that they would dynamite it made good. While the people regret the necessity for lawlessness all are secretly glad that the reservoir has been destroyed.

Aqueduct blown up and another burned. The cartridge under the third failed to explode leaving that lock intact. Finished, the men returned to town and quietly dispersed to their homes. Although the Paulding Co. Sheriff is investigating the matter, there have been no arrests. No one knows who the right leaders were, nor who were in the party.

This morning Adjt. Merrill of the 16th. Regiment received a dispatch from Governor Foraker ordering fifty men of the three companies of the sixteenth Regt. stationed in Toledo to hold themselves in readiness to go to Paulding at once.

Toledo Commercial

Findlay has laid out town lots enough for a city of two million and a half population. The next move will be to annex Seneca, Wood and Wyandot Counties.

Iron Trade Review

The past sixteen months 182 natural gas and oil Cos. have been incorporated in Ohio with an aggregate stock of $9,262,975. Applications for new charters come in at the rate of two or three a day.

MURDER in Latty, the second in a year. Eli Andrews clubbed to death by Scott Mc Coy. Aspersions were made on the quality of his farm. Mc Coy walked into the woods, picked up a dry ash pole five feet long and two and a half inches in diameter. He hit Andrews two times in the head without knocking him down, the third time floored him, Mc Coy walked on. Andrews went home and died a short time later. Mc Coy claims self defense but has a history of trouble in Hardin and Allen Counties where he succeeded in proving his innocence.

Farmer:

Men putting in tile for Uncle Billy Martin discovered the main drain was stopped up the first tile they took up they found a raccoon fast in it. A few tile further they found another coon in a five inch tile fifteen rod from the mouth of the drain.

Bryan:

A swindler selling clothes wringers takes a 25 cent deposit and never sends the wringer.

The Coin collection of the late Mr. Glasser sold to an Eastern collector. Prices ranged from ten cents to $650 & $350 for single coins. One set of sixteen for $1,650. The Bryan school board is considering buying his zoological and geological collection for educating the students.

Georgetown:

Harry Ringwalt's tile factory operating.

Cecil:

As the soldiers were getting off the train here, Fred Reeves struck the hammer against the seat in such a manner that the gun discharged. He was shot in the head dying instantly.

Several towns in Ohio have issued bonds to put down gas wells. Hicksville should try it. It is known that we have Trenton rock, as good a chance here as any where else.

A.P. Edgerton is in town, will go to Bryan one day where the land boom is benefitting the value of his land. He sold two acres near the gas well last week for $2,000.

Last Friday, Dr. Zartman presented a calf bound copy of Scott's poems to the High School library. The library now contains 42 volumes. We hope others will follow the Doctors's example.

Thompson and Forlow have invested in five acres within the corporation of Fostoria, last week they were offered $300. per acre.

Report comes to Hicksville that J.D. Patton now stopping at Cleveland Tennessee has made $100,000 in investments in real estate at Knoxville and Nashville.

Graduating class this year:

Misses. Susie Ainsworth, Ida Correll, Lizzie Jordan and Natlie Wilson.

Remains of J.H. Culler and Frank Furney have not yet been recovered.

Hattery and Wisebecker have commenced work on their brick yard, will employ nine men this summer.

Defiance does not seem anxious to have the new children's home. If possible Hicksville will get it.

News May 5, 1887

At a raising at Moores station a young man named Miller a barn carpenter sought refuge in a tree to avoid the disgrace of being "raised" as was the custom before this country became civilized. The crazy mob began chopping at the tree to scare their victim down. But his position was firmly held till the tree was felled, crushing his body and limbs and tearing his face in a most horrible manner. Dr. Kenestert reports the case as a very critical one.

C.A. Bowersox has sold all the lots A.P. Edgerton owned in Bryan. Ten lots in Edgerton's second addition to Long and Riggs. Lot 237 Edgerton & Trevetts add. to A.P. Flightner and lots 2,14,15,16,17,18, 19,20,23,24,29, and 30 Travitts add. to R.L. Starr and Ed Gardner.

Funeral of Fred Reeves the soldier killed accidentally at Cecil, placed on guard duty, it is supposed he was fooling with his gun when it was discharged. No one present at the time. Adjt.Axline says State troops would remain in Paulding all summer, unless Paulding Co. people guarantee that no further damage will be done, Paulding Co. don't guarantee.

Special from Cecil to the BEE. Quiet reigns.

As soon as the militia leaves the county ten folds greater will be the destruction than before. Determined that the reservoir must go, none but armed men faithful too, will be able to hold the bank down.

Book Review. The Genesis of Science by Herbert Spencer. Demorest's Monthly, May Century, Henry Ward Beecher, his life and characteristics.

School report of Hicksville and Farmer Schools.

Ainsworth, Boon and Bevington have purchased of Mrs. Esther Parker a strip of land 40 x 100 at the rear of Steelsmith, Elliott and Seller's lots and will convert it into a hitching yard. They plan to put a well down for the convenience of those hitching there.

Solon Daniels has purchased of George Clemmer two lots near the residence of J.L. Bevington and will erect a residence there. He also purchased two and a half acres in Hattery's addition.

Friday Mssrs. Ainsworth, Boon and Bevington purchased the three houses and lots of Enos Kimble in Warner and Hart addition. They will sell them and offer a bargain.

Thompson and Wilson purchased of Enos Kimble one house and four lots Baer's addition $1,000.

Myron Schell has secured a position as clerk in a grocery store in Fort Wayne and will move there in a week or so.

Mrs. A.P. Hartle recently received from her daughter Mrs. C.H. Connell an ostrich egg larger than a large sized coconut.

The Hon. A.P. Edgerton has sold the Fair Grounds which comprise thirty five acres for $3,500. The transfer also includes Hicks Street which extends along the N.W. end. Purchased by an association comprised of thirty five shares at $100. each. All listed, include Frank and Amos Forlow, F.M. Horton, Ainsworth and Bevington.

At council meeting the mill creek ditch to be make a good and serviceable ditch as petitioned. Committee recommends opening Bryan Street. The Clergy asks putting into effect the prohibition clause of the Dow law, against selling liquor by the gallon.

News May 12, 1887

Morning walks around Hicksville.

A light rain falling, balmy air, mild temperatures lent an invig-orating and delightful impression on the senses. Our ambling led us out on what is known as the Spencerville road. One of those angling roads the object of it's construction was to lead the pioneer to high ground in the shortest distance possible. We went as far as Cook town. From the height a better view of Hicksville can be obtained than any other point on the compass. For a stranger coming from that direction we would appear to have several more thousand population than we have. The spires on the eight churches can be easily seen, the pealing of their bells distinctly heard. Smoke from the stacks of the various factories can be seen rising into the atmosphere.

Twenty five years ago, between our position and the town was a deep swail or swamp, home of the tadpole and where geese or ducks would occasionally land in spring and in the fall, the reserve of rattlesnake and massauger. Now drained and cleared out, reclaimed to most fertile land. May in the next twenty years be an extensive celery patch.

Peculiar peculiarities, letter from Sad Citizen of Roscoe, Dakota.

State troops called home, all quiet at Camp Reservoir.

Kisabet and Forlow have completed a monster tile drain.

There are a great many conveniences in our Hicksville that we admire, but there's one thing that anyone that goes to town with a team does not admire. That is a suitable place to hitch a horse. People who keep good horses do not want to see them standing for long hours at an angle of 50 degrees, their foreparts 18" deep in mud. Then back out (if you can) with a set of harness and wagon well smeared with mud. If it should be Saturday and it be a good man who does not want to be late for church Sunday; it takes time to clean harness. Ainsworth Boon and Bevington's move has the right ring, will others take the hint?
William Carter.

The Antwerp Argus published two reservoir poems last week. At last the cruel war is over, a compromise. The people agreeing not to molest the reservoir until the next session of the legislature. At least when his Highness the governor promises to use his influence to secure legislation for the abandonment of the reservoir.

A. Stone has bought of Mrs. John Warner lot 5 of Bunnel's 1st addn. opposite the depot and will build a family residence and business building.

The top story of the front corner of the Krotz Block has been torn down owning to injury sustained in building the wall of the new building and has been rebuilt.

In circuit court in Defiance the celebrated Wertheimer-Krotz- Winterstien case in which ten or twelve lawyers are engaged, progressing through two courts. Giving Wertheimer first lien on the premises for $1,850 the amount loaned. Both cases go to the State Supreme Court.

Hicksville is laboring to secure a Normal School and the Orphan's Home. Such men as A.P Edgerton, Hon Ben Patton, F.M. Thompson, J.M. Ainsworth and G.K. Otis

Thompson Willson and Forlow deserve thanks for the operation of the Pettit Opera House. Prof.King, Spiritualists, Medium and Egyptian Diviner will reveal "the lights and shadows beyond the gloomy vaults of death." aided by the spirit Revoli who through the laws of reincarnation has existed on the planet for 198,000 years.

A colt owned by James Ringer of Farmer Twp. was killed by lightning last week. The colt was standing near the lightning rod of the barn.

Mrs. M.J. Henley received a letter from W.H.F. Briggs that he buried the body of John H. Culler. The typographical union and Mr. Briggs paid the funeral expenses. He was buried near the remains of Frank Furney in Laurell Hill cemetery. Mr. Briggs desires to put up a small monument to the two friends.

Indications are that the coming summer will be an unhealthy one. Death rate in many of the cities have been steadily rising without notable epidemics. Mortality reached it's lowest ebb in 1884-5, Feb. 1886 16 per 100, but in Feb. 1887 increased to 27 per 100. Usually July is the month of the highest rate.

News May 19, 1887

Our morning walks about Hicksville. It is the season of the year every good housewife renovates the family dwelling, clears the house of dust and dirt that accumulated in winter. Removal of furniture to the outside, sheets and carpets on the lines. The lady of the house seen through a window on a ladder, head wrapped in a kerchief, determination stamped on every feature. The conspicuous absence of the house head and larger boys. All this indicates that house cleaning is going on.

The paper hanger, the painter, with their ladders, the little girl coming from town with a bucket of plaster, the drayman delivering a new stove or piece of furniture. All these things are as indicative of spring as the flying of kites or playing of marbles by small boys.

Editorial on Forepaugh's Colossal Aggregation of Wonders.

Nine ring circus and inevitable side show. The fat boy, the tattooed man, the giant and corpulent madam Price who weighed a ton. etc.

The name of the Paulding Furnace has been changed to Bertha Furnace.

. Ainsworth, Boon & Bevington have put a 5 gallon tank in the basement for coal oil.

An extension of Hicks Street will be opened at the end of Fair Ground.

Charlie Krotz has purchased a brick yard at Defiance and is having it platted as part of the town letter from Delta, Colorado, Miss Lou Hilbert.

The land of adobe and sage brush. The comfort of the Pullman car, stopped in Denver to visit friends and have a glimpse of "the grand city of the west" Left Denver Monday on the Denver & Rio Grand, arrived Delta.

We passed through some beautiful country, Ill, Iowa and Nebraska where we noticed many sod houses, some looked quite comfortable. Scenery along the D.& R.G. is beautiful, also the Grand Canyon of the Arkansas and Black Canyon of the Gunnison. Stock raising on a large scale.

The price of crude in the Lima fields reduced to 27 cents/barrel.

The talk at Defiance is that the Hicksville Fair has been abandoned the grounds to be cut up into town lots.

The Fair will continue as usual under a six year lease.

Mr. Mc Comber of Toledo, representing Mrs. Hicks Lord in town this week looking after her interests here. She has in Hicksville Twp. including town lots 340 A. all valued at over $25,000.

The Hicksville Cornet Band as organized consists of: W.Ackley, Chester Blodgett, C.V. Tannehill, Bert Simpson, Geo. Blodgett and George Wort. Eugene Wort the conductor.

In two weeks A. Hattery will open with a stock of boots and shoes, and dry goods in his new brick opposite the Depot.

Johnny Stair 12 years old slipped and fell onto a buzz saw at the Defiance Stave Factory. Left arm cut off at the shoulder, left hip badly mangled, injuries may prove fatal.

Joseph Slagle age 25 at work on his first day at Mark Stave Factory got his right hand in a hoop planer, had to be amputated above the wrist. Was working one day in his brother's place.

News June 2, 1887

The fifth annual commencement of Hicksville High School.

Musical Program

Essay by Miss Ida Correll "Public Sentiment"

Miss Susie Ainsworth, "How Beautiful is All This Visible World"

Miss Nellie Wilson "Life's Twilight"

Miss Lizzie Jordan "The End Crowns the Work"

Address by L.E. Griffin, President of the School Board.

All proceeded to the Merchant's Hotel for the Alumni Banquet.

Menu: New York Counts, Baked striped bass with egg sauce, sweet pickles, mixed pickles, olives, celery, cold roast turkey, cold boiled ham, cold roast corned beef, lobster salad, chicken salad, fried spring chicken w brown gravy. Saratoga chips, hot rolls, oranges, bananas, nuts confectionery, vanilla ice cream, strawberries & cream, assorted cakes, coffee, tea, milk, ice tea, orange cider.

Rev. Crary critical of L.E. Griffin's criticism of his "crank" letters on the Dow law.

Decoration Day celebration.

News June 9, 1887

Two column letter from M.H. Robertson of Kansas City.

Critical headline, Real Estate Agents and one in particular from Sad Citizen, Roscoe, Dakota. Commence with small check as capital, double their stock at every meeting and meet every time a stranger comes to town, retire from active business in three years and smoke ten cent cigars. Rate of interest 3% per month on first class chattel mortgage giving 40 % of actual value on chattels. So bad the legislature has classed it criminal.

Dakota Dick's diary.

News June 16, 1887

Rev. Woods of Delta has taken charge of Edgerton, Hicksville, and Lost Creek Presbyterian churches.

Daniel Hilbert and Samuel Kleckner on the sick list.

Buffmire reunion at H. Mason's, C. Countryman of Ashland Co. Peter Countryman and Uncle Dave Buffmire delayed the meeting by continued eating.

Last week's Argus contains the following on the latest blow out at the reservoir. Someone sometime during Monday night blew out the new feeder at the lower end of the reservoir by dynamite. Before local people knew of the event Defiance people had telegraphed Gov. Foraker. Suspicious, close investigation by Hon. C.A. Fleckinger might implicate his Defiance neighbors. These men for sometime past have been getting their logs out from the County ditch into the canal proper and having at last completed their work they saw the necessity for more water in order to float their logs, which they now have.

Mill creek ditch survey accepted by council. A big one, at places 21 and 22 feet wide 4 and 1/2 to 5 feet deep. Commences near Wirt's addition on Tight Street and follow the old mill creek to a point below the fish pond of L.W. Wilder.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton's family expected to spend the summer.

Harry Summers, Mort Hartzler and Ed Culler have ordered Expert Columbia bicycles; Will Horton and Ira Culler have ordered Ottos.

Bicycle fever has hit town.

G.K. Otis will move his stock to the new Correll Block.

W.J. Kleckner has a new delivery wagon, same propulsion as before, Dog Power.

G.K. Otis appointed land agent for Frederickson & Co. for western railroad and State lands in Minnesota. 150,000 acres.

Puddles Pond a comedy will be presented at the Pettit Opera House, a New York Company.

A group formed to develop coal and timber land at Ricedale, Ky. There are 4,792.A. coal vein 4 to 6 feet in thickness, depth 25 to 30 feet.

Solon Daniels and George B. Wilson have leased the Anchor Mills.

News June 23, 1887

Reservoir News The temporary dam was blown Tuesday. After the feeder was blown up this dam was built to keep the water in . The Superintendant of canals was ordered to Paulding with a force of men and a cannon to protect against those who would destroy. A company of eight Antwerp men were placed on guard including a man recently arrested as a dynamiter.

Bryan oil well number one abandoned, spoiled by shooting. Wells two and three are being sent toward China as fast as possible.

Just so long as a good pitcher of a baseball club gets $2,000. per year and preacher $600. Just so long there will be good pitching and poor preaching.

transfers;

A.P. Edgerton to Anna Griest lot 8 Edgertons 3rd addn. $ 125.

Charlotte Krotz many parcels in Krotz addn

George K. Otis will take an excursion west to show land. To those who buy land the trip is free.

The old Wabash and Erie canal from Ft. Wayne to Lagrie, sold to the Nickle Plate for $15,000. appraised for $16,000.

Dr. Rakestraw furnishes a list of heads of families or over 21 who were here when he came (Hicksville Twp) 1846. A.P. Edgerton & wife, Byron Bunnell, S. Henkle & wife, Anson Rose & wife, J.M.O Conner & wife, David Campbell & wife, Enoch Haskins & wife, John Dillon & wife, George Clemmer & wife, Isaac Wartenbee & wife, David Greer & wife, Peter Hilbert & wife,John Ryan & wife Casper Ginter. and others listed.

Still here M.U. Babb & wife, George Clemmer & wife, Luther Loveland & wife, Charles Johnson & wife, Peter Hilbert & wife, Mrs. E Wood,

Mrs. L Michail, B.M. Rakestraw, Mrs. D. Greer and Mrs. Ferry.

News June 30, 1887

Saloons closed. Warrant to arrest David Wertz for keeping illegal hours. He left on a west bound train. Another saloon keeper Isaac Whirledge expressed his intention to quit the business if they would not start proceedings against him.

The Law and Order League and it's president Charles E. Everett brought the charge.

letter from Wilbur H. Bender. Drug stores should not sell spirits other than as a part of a medication. New law in Kansas making sales illegal.

Full Roller's reply: in regard to advertisement declaring Hicksville mills the largest in North West Ohio and mention that a partner had left the mill who was most knowledgeable. C.C. Lehman.

The Esther Lyons Combination has rented the Pettit Opera House for six nights and a matinee during the fair. A first class company, carries it's own band and orchestra.

Billy Trix and Jerry A. are being trained on the track this week for races at Paulding Monday, will visit Michigan races later.

Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Patton have returned from Tennessee, says he will have to sue the News for the $100,000. he didn't speculate and make.

A coal vein found in Springfield Twp. at 33 to 50 feet on the Gorrell and Widdifield farms. Found while drilling for a fountain.

If cabbage withering is from a small grub, dig the soil away for an inch or so depth and add air slacked lime and replace the soil.

Meeting of the Maumee Valley Pioneer Association at Fort Meigs July 30. Located just a short distance above Perrysburg.
Coburntown: Washington Hart burned a kiln of brick.
Defiance Express:
Reporting what Defiance made and what it had, among the other things reported that it was surrounded by rich farming land. Right! Mr. editor but the rich country is not struck till you near Hicksville, Williams Center and Evansport. The fact is the soil from a radius of ten miles around Defiance would have to be manured to make good brick. Country Jake.
Village Council on sewer (mill creek) to be put under Antwerp and Fort Wayne roads, doing away with both bridges.

News July 14, 1887
Our prominent citizens: Wirledge and Wertz. (a column)
Profile personal story of doing liquor business in Hicksville.
Sherwood:
The east side of the business district burned. Started at the corner store of G.F. Brenner extending down to the B&O warehouse. Burned eighteen buildings including four dwellings and six business rooms.
Fishermen can emigrate, 50,000 young eels were put in the Mercer Co. reservoir, brought from New York.
All oil wells in the Ohio field to be shut down for nine months. Over production and the consequent ruinous low prices the cause.

Reports to Bradstreet shows Hicksville to have 79 business places.
Mr. Rex will conduct the Merchant's Hotel alone in the future,
his partner has gone to Defiance.

Lima: The new electric railway is in operation.
Fostoria: The free fuel pipe line is in working order.
Roscoe, Dakota:
The fourth of July celebration, (1 column) by Sad Citizen.

Two hacks run daily Farmer to Bryan. R. Stone and L.E. Wires.
Scipio:
Hall's Corners & Scipio had a dance at Frank Ginter's.
Hicksville bicyclists have uniforms. Blue knee pants, white shirt and colored hose. They have not yet chosen caps.
Edgerton:
Burglars entered the store of Spangler and Son. Stole guns & cutlery.
Not small is the amount of beer that is shipped in for private use.
Isaac Whirledge has paid $365. for the privilege of selling beer at the Defiance Fair.
A case involving the recovery of $1.50 with jury trial, caused costs in excess of $30.00

News July 28, 1887
The Hicksville Ghost. On two different occasions recently at the hour graveyards yawn and gnomes revel, Fred Stroband has seen a ghost. Female figure clad in snowy white on Edgerton Street near the residence of Fred Voight. The first night she was in the middle of the road and when he walked, the spirit walked with him. When he ran it our ran him.

The next time he saw the ghost was at three A.M. when going home. This time he started toward the road to interview the visitor from across the Stygian ferry and it suddenly disappeared. No history of murder in the area, it may be that the ghost is a phantom of the mind. A headless ghost will be next.

Many infant deaths.

A fee of $5.00 for the use of the Fair Grounds; A.P. Edgerton is supposed to have said it's use would always be free.

A wreck on the B&O at the flag station York, four miles west of Albion. A fast express east bound goes 50 mph through Hicksville, ran into switch where a freight was standing. Mr. Maxwell felt the car sway heavily when it hit the switch, he started for the rear car. The loco-motives were both demolished, two express cars ground to slivers, baggage car smashed. No passengers killed, of the crew an engineer killed, a fireman injured. Some one had broken the lock and pried the switch open. A couple had been killed by the train on a crossing recently considered to be the motive.

Local Republicans protest the support of C.A. Flickinger as a member of the Board of Public Works. The majority of the two counties do not support his position on the Antwerp reservoir. Only a half dozen Defiance manufacturers are supportive of him.

Weidman & Eschling stave factory at Paulding burned Sunday July twenty fourth, loss $20,000 insurance $6,800, fifty unemployed.

Defiance Express;

We have not the time or disposition to answer the dirty flings about Defiance and it's people that appear in the Hicksville Papers.

Money orders at the Hicksville P.O. average $1,300. per month.

Subject of extending the corporation north discussed in council.

Miss Amelia Swilley returned from an extended visit in Tennessee.

Jessie Grice of Chamberlain, Ind. visited town.

Thomas Carey of Milford, aged 85, died Tuesday night, the funeral at the residence. Interred at Wartenbee cemetery.

Jacob Dierstine employed by J. Dunderman to work in his wagon shop in Antwerp. Jake is a rattling base balloonist and assisted the Dynamiters in walloping the Van Werts last week.

Council meets for the purpose of adopting sanitary measures that will prohibit digging of any more vaults.

Defiance Bee:

The residence of Charles Krotz was sold by the Sheriff Saturday for $3,200. The Asbacher farm in litigation so long as a result of the Krotz, Wertheimer deal also sold for $2,400.F.M. Thompson of Hicksville the buyer.

Workers in the Bass foundry in Fort Wayne are given water with oatmeal in it, considered best in extreme hot weather.

Mr. Briggs of San Francisco writes that he has a group picture made of the four boys who drowned in San Francisco Bay. $1.50 for
11 x 15.

Now that the owners of the Fair Ground charge $5.00 for the use of it I now ask an expression of your feeling. Shall we meet at the Fair Grounds or some where else, or no where? I for one look on the charging of the Old Settlers after they put the cabin and relics there is an outrage.
N. Crary President.

Frank Stroband says his ghost story untrue, he never said he saw ghost.

Sanitary: Outhouses, the deadly effect of them as we see them in Hicksville. A very fruitful source of disease. The health of our town demands that something must be done. The type of fevers have changed in a few years. From malaria now typhoid or typho-malarial fever, outhouses a source. Pits 2 to 3 feet deep below the layer of clay to a more porous soil allow the effluent to flow into our wells.

Solution: We have not water works or a good system of sewers.

Let the council pass an ordinance that forbids any more vaults being dug and compel the cleaning of what we have. Then have tight boxes made and used instead of vaults, making it obligatory for the owner to have them cleaned three times a year. The contents moved out of town or covered in the soil where it may do some real good, not likely to filter down.

News Aug. 11, 1887

Democratic Convention (1 + column)

Defiance and Paulding Co. met at the Pettit Opera House to nominate a candidate to succeed John Geyer in the Statehouse, Hill a speaker at the meeting.

Milford:

Manoah Gingery is having a fine dwelling house built.

H. Roberts has a large three story house nearing completion, nearly seven years since it's commencement. Rose & Hollabaugh doing the plastering. A. Farnsworth the joining work.

Wells of Hicksville going dry, expect it is the result of the closing of the saloons.

Wavely, Iowa:

Everything dried up, farmers getting rid of stock as fast as possible.

Prohibition convention at the Fair Grounds.

Ordinance passed to provide a Board of Health.

A.S. Chapman took us on a buggy ride Sunday evening, we passed the handsome dwellings of C.C. Lehman and Joseph Kerr, farther the beautiful farms and fine residences of James Casebeer, Mr. Benninghoff, C.Waterman, James Ames, S. Steel and Eli Lower. We passed Uncle John Allen's excel-excelent farm and residence. After passing the Will Keener farm and residence of Theodore Jackson we crossed the Ohio border and were in the land of the Hoosiers. S. Tustison W. Deatsman, Thomas Allen, J.B. Clark, Gilbert James and Dr. Shirey. Our destination was the home of M.E. Chapman, the bee king, where we tarried till morning.

Saturday September 10th. the Old Settlers will hold their annual meeting at Latty's beautiful grove on the Maumee near Antwerp. Uncle Henry Oswalt president, 40 years of his 76 spent in the Maumee valley.

Married at the home of the bride's parents:

Joseph D. Kerr and Miss Flora A. Culler. By Rev. J.W. Miller.

Defiance has organized a street railway Company.

Lost Creek:

Give the road when you meet Madison Hilbert in his new carriage.

Ice cream supper at Madison Hilberts.

A.L Ridenouer and daughter visiting in eastern Ohio.

David Bloser & Loman Ridenouer have their threshing engine in the shop for repairs.

Paulding:

Evangelist Updike who spoke scathingly about saloon keepers in a tent meeting, had his tent saturated with oil and burned Sunday night. Paulding citizens are buying him a new tent. With his extending the meeting it is unlikely that he will come to Hicksville.

David Wertz Country Saloon was entered Thursday night. It is said that $50.00. worth was stolen. Nine gallons of Old Holland Gin, three gallon of Old Crow. One family cheese knife, three gallon of wild cherry wine, one whetstone, two gallon of Mohaw Bitters, one small mouse trap, ten pounds of stink cheese, three blind robbins, three boxes of sardines put up in eye salve, one lemon smasher, two lemons, one and half pound of mammoth baloney, eleven cigars, one coddy dog leg, one claw hammer, one pair moccasins for a swift running horse, two pound of condition powder for a fast running horse, three links of wiener worst.

News Aug. 18, 1887

Report of Minot, Dakota Old Settler's meeting.

Prof. E.E. Clark of Adrian, Michigan will be at the Fair with a wonderful music and figure box that took seven years for it's construction. It will be worth seeing.

Contract for balloon ascensions for Wed.& Thur. signed, Miss. Louise Bates of Cincinnati, Ohio most daring astronaut in the U.S.

Old Settlers will pay the $5.00 for use of the Fair Ground, they will decide on the future at the meeting.

The woods and marsh east of town has been burning and hundreds of dollars worth of lumber destroyed.

Western Nebraska crops burned up, 50 acres of corn will net 10 bushel.

Nearly all the women of the Salvation Army have a heart tattoo in black on the right shoulder. If taken sick or dead any where in the world the Salvation Army will pay for their care.

Mrs. Ann Ginter who has been living with her daughters in Michigan for the past year has returned and expects to make her future home with her children here.

Defiance College, $10.00 per term of ten weeks. A list of all courses and the teachers. A.M. Van Tine, Defiance.

W.S. Harmony of Joplin, Mo. is visiting his daughter Mrs. F.L. Forlow.

The second annual reunion of correspondents of the Hicksvile News will meet at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Lane near Williams Center

Wash Griest and Miss Meda Swann were married last Friday evening.

Jacob Dierstine announces he is not employed in Antwerp, staying here in Hicksville.

J.H. Smith has purchased the new house of Dr. Otis on Main Street. Consideration $2,300.. He traded his property on High as part, consideration #1,300.00

One former Hicksville saloon keeper has established a saloon north of Hicksville.

News Aug. 25, 1887

The 111th. O.V.I. has chosen Hicksville for it's annual reunion the 6th. and 7th. of October.

Newville, Indiana:

Rev. I.W. Lowman on faith cure in Auburn; Christian Science.
The facts of the case: I called on Rev. Moor of Chicago while he was in Auburn and heard him deliver two lectures on Christian Science to my entire satisfaction.

Obituary:

Artimissa Caroline Slade, born Onondaga County N.Y. Sep.10, 1823. At the age of 15 with parents settled on the Maumee in 1838 in what is now Paulding Co. At age 20 married Richard C. Banks

Mrs. Hugh Nelson, Lucinda Davis Nelson born Tuscarawas Co. Ohio Feb. 10, 1832

Latter Day Saints Meeting in John Erters grove, Elder B.V. Springer.

New bridges to be built over the Marie de Larme.

Mrs. W.D. Otis will offer at Public Sale at the residence of Dr. Otis on Main Street: one horse, one cow, stoves, tables, bedsteads, cupboards and general household goods.

Cicero: The Husted brothers visited their parents in Paulding County Friday and Saturday.

Starting the fourteenth year of the News.

Death again visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schlatter, this time daughter Viola, aged two years ten months. The third child lost in five months, one left.

J.H. Lower, station agent, has purchased the house of Mrs. A.J. Hartle, opposite Hattery's new building.

Bakers had raised to seven cents a loaf now back to five cents, as in Bryan and Fort Wayne, Can't make any money at five cents.

John Greek of Sheldon, Indiana purchased the stock of groceries of V.S. Diehl,will occupy the Joseph Kerr house next to Presbyterian church.

Guards released at the reservoir, the water got so low there was nothing to guard.

Joe Fish is entirely remodeling his house, making it a two story.

Undertaker Blodgett had a call for a crystal casket this week

Obituary:

A. Summers born Washington Co. Pa. June 30,1812. moved to Crawford County 1849 to 1872 when he moved to Hicksville. Admitted to the bar in 1851 after reading law under Judge Avery of Wooster. Practiced law in Bucyrus, Clerk, Atty. and Probate Judge there. Practiced law in Hicksville elected Mayor in 1880, died at his home corner of Main and Smith.

News Sept. 1, 1887

The Sunday School Convention was a success.

Mrs. Level's Boarding House (a column by the editor) Comments on the problems and mores of the period by boarders.

Dedication of the memorials at Gettysburg, special round trips on the B&O at one cent a mile.

Centennial of the adoption of the Constitution, elaborate ceremonies and festivities, special excursion B&O one fare round trip.

Will Horton rides a new 54 inch Expert Columbia bicycle.

Bryan has not found oil or gas in sufficient quantity and real estate is as flat as before oil was found. Bryan will have no Fair this year as citizens spent their money on the new railroad.

Messrs. Will Horton, Frank Bricker and Ed. Culler in company with Emry Lattaner and Frank Ingalls of Bryan rode to Fort Wayne on their bicycles Sunday.

H.G. Elliott intends to take a large picture of the Old Settlers this year, he did so last year but many were missing.

The Edwin Southers Dramatic Co. Consisting of 12 artists and a full pack of performing living Indian wolves open at the Pettit Opera House for a solid week. The opening play "Passions Slave" John A. Stevens great N.Y. and London success. Admission 15, 25 and 35 cents.

Two Frenchmen in town Saturday afternoon with live bears who climbed trees, dancing, gave bar and trapeze performance, a treat as we don't see bears very often.

W. Moskovits & Co. of Cleveland will open a One Price Clothing Store in the Correll Block.

The Old Settlers want: Women to card wool, spin flax, twist yarn, on the big wheel. Several women to braid straw as for hats and others to sew them. Someone knitting the old double mitten, bring one. Dip candles, and wick preparation for dipping. One man has promised to make a hickory stick broom, make up an old fashioned corn sheller. Break flax.

News Sept. 8, 1887

Gas is being used to fire brick kilns at great savings.

The bears in St.Joe drank beer by the glass, A mob of men shot one of the bears.

Defiance Call:

Urias Patton a farmer living north of town about 65 years of age and Emerson Hays got into a drunkard brawl at the Fair Grounds. Patton drew a knife, stabbed Hayes twice, first in the stomach then in the back while he was down. Wounds not deep, Patton arrested, $50.00 bail

Death of another Old Settler. George Clemmer died at his home on Smith Street Tuesday night Sep. 6, at a11 o'clock. A lingering illness the past two years, 72 years 2 months, 24 days. Born in Perry Township Montgomery County Ohio June 13, 1816 the son of David and Martha Wilson Clemmer, the former from Penn. the latter Rockingham County Virginia. The only remaining child but one William of Dayton of a family of twelve.

Mr. Clemmer after 15 years on the farm apprenticed to a carpenter in Dayton, then worked two years in Cincinnati and there married Elisabeth Repto of Albemarle Co. Penn. In September 1838 he came to Hicksville assisting to build the first grist mills in the County. He worked steadily in the trade until he enlisted in Co. D. 100th Regt. O.V.I. in 1862. There were nine children: David of Greenville, Francis, Martha A, Malinda, George H. Adelade and Adelene twins, and Benjamin. One of the Pioneers who transformed this County, first assessor of Hicksville Twp. A Disciple Church member, burial in the Hicksville Cemetery.. S.S. Hyde. Minister.

Some experts say cigarette smoking leads to softening of the brain, or rather, softening of the brain leads to cigarette smoking.

More than a thousand tickets sent out to the children who are members of Sunday Schools to attend the Fair.

For the Fair a bicycle race of local riders, more than a dozen.

West End:

The new church will be built in Fitzcharles grove on the Hicksville Edgerton road.

Mrs. A. J. Hartle started for Los Angeles where she expects to remain for two years accompanied by little grandson Ray Delhauer who will await his mother who expects to go to California in a couple months to remain some time.

Pool selling will not take place at the races but at the hotels. Bookmakers will be here from Mich. & Penn. Unnecessary but will be here.

The garden at the Swilley House raises excellent vegetables, 800 muskmelons this year.

Joel Davis died at his home near Newville, 90 years of age. Born in North Hampton Co. Pa.

T.W. Kerr is going to Kentucky to take charge of the R.B. Stone Lumber Co. and operation of a coal mine for six months or a year. Will be a local stock Co. as the mine is developed.

There is seeming little use in tolling of church bells every time some one dies. Anything but cheery to those prostrated on sick beds. Hicksville is said to stand alone in the matter of excessive bell tolling.

George Norrick born in Harrison Co. March 20, 1820. At the age of 16 moved from Harrison Co. to Crawford Co. married Sarah DeWalt of Crawford Co. 45 years ago. Funeral at Evangelical Church, Hicksville cemetery.

News Sept. 15, 1887.

The pioneers 12th. annual meeting Sep. 8,1887
Called to order by Rev.N. Crary who spoke of inpropitious day because of the funerals of George Clemmer and John Collins.
Hymn "Thus far the Lord Has Led Me On" Prayer by Rev. Brown.
Report of last years meeting read by Secretary Amos Forlow.

L.W. Wilder and Dr. Rakestraw appointed as committee on nomination.
General Blair called on for a speech in that he could not be here in the afternoon.

"Not an old fogey, glad he had a sister to love, but also glad that someone had a sister he loved better."

Spinning was done on the grounds by Mrs. Bayes, Mrs. Dixon and
Mrs. Benjamin Forlow, Mrs. Haskins did the heckting of flax, spinning of flax and wool continued for some time and attracted a good deal of attention.

Obituary report: very many more than last year, (listed).
Nominating Committee report: N. Crary, Pres. recording Sec. Amos Forlow. corresponding Sec. Dr. Rakestraw, V.P. L.W. Wilder, Directors: Ed. Stone, Wesly Sanford, C. Weaver, Albert Wentworth, Lucius Palmer. Librarian H.W. Hill.
P.B. Nimmons called to speak responded with a neat address.
Mr. Roberts of Indiana called; said he taught school in Hicksville.
Stewart Wartenbee of Indiana gave early recollections of pioneer life.
Albert Wentworth came to Maumee valley south of Antwerp near Flat Rock. One family between Antwerp and Hicksville; unbroken wilderness.
Daniel Wentworth gave names of a number of Indians and exhibited an Indians book account of some Indian trade of the day, bill paid in fur.
Mrs. Wilcox related being out at night in the midst of hungry wolves, and her narrow escape from being killed. Saved by her cries.
Albert Farnsworth told how he used to attend places of amusement.
Once while hunting cattle he was treed by wolves.
Mr. Farnsworth referred to Jake Hopkins' "go devil" as means of conveyance.
Dan. Wentworth sang a song which was ordered to appear in the News.
Mrs. M.M. Farnsworth read an address (printed in news) reciting her husband's stories, saw wild animals with out going to a show, ate roast turkey as often as it tasted good. Dried venison an every day affair. Maple sweets, wheat bread a delicacy, Johnny cake a staple, rye coffee a luxury, snake stories a living reality. Pork was so plenty you could meet it almost anywhere in the woods. Two wheel carts pulled by oxen, a horse saddled and bridled the fastest transportation. Mail once a year on foot, preacher "twice a while".

Second annual reunion of the Hicksville News family,(whole col)
Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Lane, W.H. Bender, Miss. Eva Tomlinson, Mr. & Mrs. W.S. Tomlinson, Mr. & Mrs. L.E. Griffin, Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Bercaw, Wilbur and Charles Miller, Mr. & Mrs. T.T. Armstrong, Mr. & Mrs. Amos Forlow, Dr.& Mrs. Kinmont, Miss Harter, Miss. Libbie Dorsey, M.M. Hootman,Mr. & Mrs. B.S. Pettit, Mr. & Mrs. F.O. Farnsworth, Will H. Oswalt, Ben B. Dowell, Miss Phonnie Wentworth and Mr. & Mrs. T.G. Dowell.
Fair: Hicksville cornet band furnishes the music, Not a stump on the inside of the track (result of good wind, fire and dynamite.) Thousands of children expected Wednesday. Kerr Brothers will present each child with a handsome chromatic card.
Farmer: The new Salem U.B. Church one mile east, one and a half mile south of here will be dedicated Sunday free of debt.

Daughters of Mrs. Clemmer; Mrs. David Kleckner, Mrs. I.M. Boon, Mrs. J.J. Bevington and their husbands have thoroughly house cleaned while she visits in Fort Wayne.

G.K. Otis reporting on Missouri and Kansas land opportunities.

Kerr Brothers are erecting several houses in Hedgewich a Chicago suburb.

The Pettit Opera House has been leased for two years by a company composed of G.F. Knight. W.D. Wilson, Frank L. Forlow, I.M. Boon, I.A. Gingery, Charles V. Tannehill, Amos Miller, B.S. Pettit, H.C. Umbenouer and T.G. Dowell, have leased the Pettit Opera House for two years. President F.L. Forlow, Manager T.G. Dowell. Secretary B.S. Pettit, Board of control G.F. Knight,I.M. Boon & I.A. Gingery.

News Sept 22, 1887

Report of the Fair: Rainy Wednesday but 2,400 gate, 3,000 tickets sold. The displays all listed and described. In the running race Wednesday Billie Trix slipped and fell, two horses stumbled over him. Lou Zellers, Trix's rider was severely bruised. Continued over Saturday because of the weather. A few less than a dozen shows on the grounds. 1,700 children marched in the Sunday School Parade.

It is rumored that one of the leading actors of the Edwin Southers Dramatic Company and one of Hicksville's belles are engaged to be wed. The Edwin Southers David Crocket Co are putting on a good entertainment.

Ike Whirledge arrested for assault at the insistence of George Berry for assaulting and striking him in Defiance last Saturday, plead guilty before Squire Kerr, fined $10.00 and costs.

School growth an increase over last year by 60. 1886 was 553, in '87 613. Indicates growth of 300 in population, twenty three students from outside the district.

The Detroit baseball club will play at Fort Wayne Fair.

"Nothing But Leaves," essay on ways to use leaves for decoration.

News Sep. 29, 1887

Poem by Dan Wentworth given at Annual meeting of Old Settlers.

The adventure of a stranger who attended the Hicksville Fair.

Among the strangers who arrived was one fair to behold.
Born on Ohio's famous soil, with heart as pure as gold.

The first thing that the stranger did, of course with due respect.
He got a suit, a splendid fit at the store of Straus & Hecht.
And thus arrayed he looked about to see what next to do.
He sauntered down to the fair to get a better view.

Upon some object far away which proved to be the balloon.
That gave Fair tidings of the celebrated firm who are enjoying
quite a boom.
His anxiety became aroused, He climbed upon a scaffold high.
His earnest gaze was bent. He made a step, his footing missed.
And headlong down he went.

A number who were passing by, supposed his life had ended.
But half way down upon a spike he caught and hung suspended.
A crowd collected round the spot the sad result to hear.
And still upon the stranger's cheek there came no shade of fear.
At length he spoke and said "my friends be firm and act your part"
My clothes were bought of Straus & Hecht,and not a stitch will
start.

I own that my position here I do not really like,
For all the hopes I have in life are hung upon a spike.
And if the story gets around my credit will be ended.
For all the hopes I have in life are hung upon a spike.

The crowd by this time got a rope and rigged a nice suspension.
They lowered it down, it was too short, he asked for no extension.
They gave him time, for time it took to get the rope he wanted.

But soon the stranger on the spike was taken down undaunted.
His pants were slightly out of shape, to where he led the way,
The firm did sell a hundred suits on that eventful day.
So when you want a suit or over coat that all will like,
Remember famous Straus & Hecht, the stranger and the spike.

The reunion of the 111th O.V.I here next week. Seven G.A.R. Posts invited. Down east of Toledo people think Hicksville is situated west in the backwoods. We want to show them we are at the head of civilization unexcelled by any city our size.

The Fair was a success, income short because of the weather. Will not be able to retire $600.00 debt as hoped for. The marshals kept close watch, four drunks, a case of underage allowed to play pool, several gamblers arrested.

The Jury in the Scott McCoy murder case returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, 5 to 20 years.

It is a historical fact that the log cabin that burned last week was the birthplace of Solomon Ferry.

Overheard: Hicksville is a good town surrounded by fine farmers. Moral and religious sentiment is good, Churches, School Buildings and business houses in good repair. But the people of this town have a lesson to learn in a few little things and I don't want to loose my life or health while they do it.

The wells get surface drainage, the alleys harbor too much refuse material, back yards of business houses aren't healthy. Water closets need attention, sewers are needed to carry off storm water that runs off our large buildings to alleys. In short the town has grown too fast, too many people for it's sanitary measures. I shall wait a little till these things are attended to, then I shall come to Hicksville. (a listener)
Portland, Indiana Sun.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton and present member of the Civil Service Commission is prominently mentioned as a candidate for Vice President. Mr. Edgerton a Simon pure Andrew Jackson Democrat and the record he is making on the Commission is in keeping to the adage. To the Victor Belong the Spoils.

An expulsion of 33 members of the U.B. Church of this place because of being members of secret societies, contrary to the regulations of the church.

A row of thirteen business buildings, the best part of Payne burned Monday night. The fire originated in a bakery, loss over $17,000.

The habit of using morphine as a stimulant is far worse than the liquor problem and increasing at a frightening extent. It is likely that a crusade against morphine will take place in the near future.

The saloon building of David Wertz on fire, a crowd of citizens worked to save the Merchant's Hotel as nothing could save the Wertz building. The old log cabin just east of the saloon building caught fire and burned to the ground. Thus went the last purely log house in Hicksville. Occupied by Ed. Brooks as a shoe shop, his loss considerable. The Wertz building fire started at the rear, considered work of incendiary. Insured for $3,300 reported to have been on fire two times recently, another time a torpedo which failed to explode was discovered.

News Oct. 6, 1887

Aberdeen, Dakota The fourth annual Agriculture Fair.
Describing the progress in seven years, a full column.

Numerous swindles, A free gift to introduce a new product, just sign the card for correct address, turns out to be an order for $248.00 worth of harrows. Cost $50.00 to get out of the deal. Another for glassware, another pedigreed sheep (bucks) will buy back progeny. Lightening rod tester, connect a battery to their better rod demonstrating how much more effective protection it offers.

Governor Foraker questioned.

I presented the questions in advance as requested but when the Governor spoke he couldn't find the questions, pretended to search for them. It seems he remembered the first question but not the second. He spent most of his time harpooning me for asking. Question: Will the Governor answer the following questions? Are you in favor of that part of the Dow law that permits towns to grant saloons the privilege of selling beer and wine on Sunday? If you are elected will you use your influence to close saloons on the first day of the week?
His answer no to the first question, then said he would use his influence to enforce the law. N. Crary.

The M.E. Church Conference lists Theodore Brake, Hicksville,
John R. Colgan, Edgerton and Eli Myers, Williams Center.

Hicksville Jumps Them:

George L. Day took a gang of gamblers to the Hicksville Fair for the purpose of "gulling" the innocents out of their money. He was working an old gentleman for $200.00 when police arrested him. Justice Kerr fined him $25.00 and costs making $45.00, unable to pay the fine he was sent to the county jail. This gent got on the police force at the Paulding Fair and had things his own way.

Williams Center:

The Disciple Church is being moved from here to Bryan, as most of the members who built it have moved to Bryan.

Hon. Benj. Patton is preparing a biographical sketch of Edward M. Stanton, Secretary of War under Lincoln. When Mr. Patton occupied the Judicial bench in Western Pensylvania Mr. Stanton practiced law before him. A close and lasting friendship will enable Mr. Patton to do the subject justice.

News is received that a daughter named Gertrude has arrived at the home of C.H. Connel, Los Angeles, California Sept. 25. Mrs. Connel the former Madge Hartle.

Dr. S.F. Welty has purchased the practice of Dr. Wansetler,
Dr. Welty has been practicing the past year in Mark Center.

Mr.and Mrs. J.D. Patton have gone to their winter home in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Hon. A.P. Edgerton pays for six subscriptions to the News.
We would like a few more of such subscribers.

New railroad reached Bryan Sat. the 24th. greeted enthusiastically.
The Bryan band played for the driving of the spike. A real estate boom there.

Lloyd Melville Bingham and Miss Amelia A. Swilley were quietly married at the Swilley House Sunday evening in the presence of immediate relative. Prof. L.M. Sniff officiating. After completion of his present engagement with the Edwin Southers Dramatic Co. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham will go to New York to reside where his relatives all live.

Obituary:

Nancy R. Palmer born Aug. 1, 1815 in Hartford, Washington Co. N.Y. died Thursday September 29. United in marriage with Wilson Palmer Oct. 12, 1837 at Almond, N.Y. Eight children, six surviving. Joined the Christian Church in Hicksville in 1852 under James Hadsell. Elder Thomas, Newville preached the funeral sermon. Burial in Hicksville cemetery.

Mrs. Harriett S. Brown died Oct. 1, aged 69 years, 11 months,20 days. Married at 15 to Ira Brown, mother of ten, four preceded her. In 1834 she and her husband moved west, landing at Perrysburg, remained but a short time, then came up the Maumee to Defiance then Farmer Twp. They located a farm which they have occupied for 43 years. The Browns were among the earliest settlers of Farmer Twp. Rev. S. Hyde, Hicksville choir.

Ainsworth,& Boon, Bevington store robbed. Shoes underwear and two over coats belonging to Mort Hartzler and Ed Culler who were sleeping in an upstairs room. The watch dog had recently fell into evil ways and devoured some mutton and had to be killed. Some of the stock of underwear was found in Hattery's orchard.

There will be sufficient money to pay all the obligations of the Fair and a couple hundred dollars to reduce the debt.

News Oct. 13,1887

The 111th. O.V.I. reunion a happy and enjoyable occasion. The large dining hall in the Palmer Block seated 300, The Hill Block was used for registration, almost all wore a uniform of blue.

At 11 A.M. the G.A.R. Sons of Veterans formed a line at the corner of High and Main and marched to B & O depot to await the arrival of the soldiers from the east, about 200 alighted and formed companies. They went up High to Main where they halted for registration in the Hall Block then refreshments. Straus & Hecht had a life size picture of a soldier on horse back, much admired by many, also a camp scene. To the Pettit Opera House business meeting where they were entertained by L.B. Worts Band, little Maggie Wort on the snare drum, Mart Body on fife. We meet again, Mrs. B.S. Pettit, Miss Annie Otis, Emma Landis, Mssrs J.E. Coburn and Amos Miller. Prayer by Rev. N. Crary

Chaplain Hollington slipped to the front of the stage bearing a rebel flag, tattered and torn."Here is a flag captured by a private and comrade who is here today" he then introduced P. Barton of Deshler, captor of the flag at the battle of Nashville on the second day.

Monclovia, Lucas County next year

Adjourned to the Fair Grounds where 3,000 people were waiting.

Mayor James E. Coulter gave the welcoming address,

Captain Thurston of Toledo gave a brief history of the 111th, Hon. Benj. Patton gave a sketch of Edward M. Stanton.

Song by D.G. Campbell of 77th. O.V.I. entitled "The Old Camp Kettle" troops called for Chaplain Hollington who made humorous remarks about the old Camp Kettle and other events, he enlisted at age of 14 years months.After assignment of quarters the group assembled at Pettit's Opera House. A reading of the deaths.

Talk of battles pathetic rather than the humor of the afternoon.

The next morning they met at the Opera House for a camp fire, marched to the depot with banners flying, between crowds on both sides of the street.

Mrs. Farnsworth's address and reunion notes fill most of front page.

West End:

John Sleesman has the contract for the new church in Fitzcharles grove.

The second annual reunion of the Hart family at the residence of Mrs. Susan Farmer, Thorn Creek Twp. Whitley Co. Indiana Sep. 29. A goodly number from this vicinity, five generations represented. Decendents now number 200. Officers chosen: W.P. Hart President. S.F. Winegardner and D.N. Hart V.P's. Mrs. E.C. Hart Sec. Lillie Countryman and Letie Mason corresponding Sec.'s. Johnathon Hart Treas. E.C. & J.M. Hart, Historians.

The next reunion Sep. 29. at Peter Countryman's residence in Milford.

Notice:

The stave factory listed for sale by F.M. Thompson, receiver. Here to for known as Randolph Stave Factory.Commenceing at an iron stake at a point where southerly line of the B & O depot grounds intersect N.& S half section line etc. to an iron stake on Edgerton Street; 4.71 A. Part of lots 82 and 134 of Auditor's Plat of fractions. The right of the village to extend Edgerton St. through the property reserved.

This property same as deeded by H.F. Randolph to E.G. Taylor and Frederick Dick Apr. 14, 1881, recorded in Vol 31 page 470, Def. Co.

Also a deed by Esther Parker et al to J.D. Phillips etal June 13,'79.

Well located within a few hundred feet of depot and freight grounds.

Best price day of sale, not limited by appraisal.

Ordinance:

Privies and general clean up, pit or drawers cleaned frequently

Mrs. Dr. Otis started for new home at Otis, Colorado.

James E. Coulter has purchased a livery stable at Lagrange and means to move the same to Hicksville.

J. Kyle with James Clapper and Benj. Sweet of Mark have purchased a 400 acre farm two miles from West Point in Northern Mississippi. Will move to new home next month. F.L. Forlow has purchased Mr. Kyle's house on Smith Street and will occupy it.

Rev. W.O. Butler and Major J.M. Kimsey will give an illustrated lecture at the M.E. Church. An exhibition on canvas of war scenes from original photographs. Just how things looked at the front. Each picture 15 to 20 feet in diameter. Admission 25 and 15 cents.

News Oct. 20 1887

Is a Republican a Prohibitionist? (three columns)

The old Curtis farm in Crane Twp, 328 acres sold to Judge Sutphin for $7,505.

The Ford and Brown Opera Co. will show three nights. Their specialty is the Mikado, at Defiance this week.

Straus & Hecht robbed, more than $1,000. carried off in suit cases.

"The Swindler is Abroad in the Land"

Hall's Corners:

Alice divorced wife of Albert Wentworth recently of this place died at Newville Oct.14, aged 23 years, 9 months and 15 days, intered Scipio.

Much credit is due the Newville people for their generosity in preparing a respectable burial as she was in destitute circumstance.

The old court house at Paulding, built over twenty years ago and there never has been a man found guilty of murder in the first degree. Seem to indicate that citizens of Paulding Co. are quiet, peaceful and law abiding people. Certainly they are but this doesn't seem to indicate how many men ought to have been hung.

The notorious reservoir is dry, green grass. All the frogs have gone to Defiance to vote for Crowe.

Crop and stock report of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture.

One of the bears that entertained in Hicksville was shot by drunken citizens of Monroeville, Indiana, The also shot a steer in a freight car. Well known residents.

At last! Bryan Street opened to Edgerton Street.

The Hunt house moved to a lot owned by A.P. Edgerton on Bryan Street near the large barn.

R.F. Roberts has opened an agriculture shop in rear of Central Block.

Albert Crabb, representing the Home Library Association of Chicago is in town securing members. By paying a fee, subscribers are entitled to a membership and receive at once "The Home Library of Useful Knowledge" well worth the membership fee. A member can secure any of the standard works at half the usual price, other books obtained and at wholesale.

News Oct. 27, 1887

A Republican may be a Prohibitionist.

T.T. Armstrong's answer to Rev. Crary's article of last week.

Keep sweet Rev. Crary, we are tickled.

Children's Homes:

Report of the 14th. National Conference of Charities and Corrections meeting at Omaha, Nebraska.

Cigarette manufacturers attract small boys by cards of half naked women in each package. The worst pictures sell the best.

The tradition of hand shaking it is said, was to assure the person before you that you have no weapon.

B.S. Pettit in Chicago buying; his wife and Miss. Clara Swilley visiting in Brookston, Indiana.

The Randolph Stave Factory sold for $1,995. to Mr. Goodnow of Toledo. Hopes to start up the factory full blast.

In a few years the little city of Garrett will be a monument to the Elder Garrett founder of the B&O his son has scattered to the winds.

An exchange says a few years ago a bushel of wheat would buy only two yards of calico, now 15 to 20 yards.

Then a bushel of corn, a pound of nails, now ten pounds.

Then it took a good cow to buy a pair of factory blankets now 6 as good.

Dr. Wansettler is arranging to return to Hicksville.

News Nov.3, 1887

Rev. Crary, T.T. Armstrong as a Prohibitionist?

Difference between argument and buncomb. (one column)

Week kneed Republican, Gentle stricture.

A belling in Crane Twp. one night last week, the bride and groom treated the "belling party" to hard cider. Some fighting was indulged in. The occasion a hilarious one. Such occasions a disgrace to the community

The habit of belling a newly married couple belongs to the rude customs of an age gone by and should not be tolerated in this age of refinement and civilization.

Another murder in Paulding County! A shooting at Broughton, W.W. Carpenter and J.A. Plumly, Supt.of Vanderbilt Stave and Lumber Co. Several shots exchanged and Plumly's 18 year old son also fired. Carpenter died, Plumly slightly wounded. Mr. Carpenter charged with murder, his son with intent to kill. Carpenter's body looked after by I.O.O.F. Lodge and his lady friend Miss Susie White of Bedford, Ohio to whom it is claimed he was engaged to be married. After seeing to the welfare of her lover she returned on the same train.

Wanted a joint debate with Judge Bowersox and N.Crary on Republican and Prohibition, parties on temperance Question in Ohio.

We understand Joe Clark and Isaac Hook traded horses one day last week. Joe is certain he got the best of the deal, Isaac is sure he did. We'll take their word for it.

Jacob Fitzcharles burned his third kiln of brick this week.

Notice: Cards of thanks in the future will be at 5 cents a line.

Halloween righteously observed in Hicksville.

A large pile of miscellaneous articles, Wagons, reapers, gates, buggies etc. on the crossing of High and Main. Attested the assiduity of the spirits that kept up all night. Dr. Rakestraw admits that he had a hand in it, J.O. Rose and Buena Hill looked so broken up that it is suspected they had a hand also.

A very large number of singularly innocent looking people took observation and wondered who did it. In fact except for the three named it is thought no one in town took part.

Last week James E. Coulter purchased the building behind the Central Block and started his livery stable there. Mr. Coulter will continue to practice law, his brother in law, O.S. Allen will be in charge of stable.

A young peoples Halloween party at David Kleckners. The older folks had a party at the residence of George Hood.

News Nov. 10, 1887

Vote in Hicksville Twp.

72 Prohibitionists; 265 Democrats; 323 Republicans; 25 Union Labor.

Attention Soldiers: by George Palmer.

We were told we were young and didn't know what we were fighting Rebels for. Also that we must forgive our erring brothers (the Rebs). I wonder if such people read the history of Andersonville Prison.

Each political party has given us the cold shoulder. Let us do some missionary work for ourselves. Drop party lines, let patriotism be our watchword. We thrashed the Rebs because we were organized. Let us organize, for in Union there is strength. We need help of our boys and girls, they will use influence in all political parties, not all in one party.

Post Masters meet and organize. Discus inequality of pay, unjust demand of Government for entire box rent of a property in which it has nothing invested.

It gives me pride and pleasure to read the account of the session, revival and reception given Hon. Jefferson Davis at Macon, Georgia. Especially when the honored flag of treason was brought out and soaked with southern tears. Tis said Mr. Davis was greatly affected; even more perhaps than when he was disguised in female attire running to Canada to visit his wife's folks.

Married at the home of the bride's parents on Spencerville Street, Dr. H. Zartman and Miss Effie Farnsworth.

The site of old Fort Wayne has been enclosed by a fence.

It is thought Edgerton has enough gas to light the town and homes.

Black Diphtheria Porter Co. Ind.Typhoid & typhoid malaria Montpelier.

Delta Atlas: Quite a number of farmers in this vicinity are having their corn threshed this year. The plan is a new one in this county, but all who are trying it are well pleased. The thresher used is a common vibrator separator with all the spikes taken out of the concave except each alternate spike in a row. Corn fodder is fed in, well cleaned corn into a container, husk and stem broken up and carried to the mow.

Rev. J.W. Lilly moved from Waterloo, occupies the house of Joseph Bunnell recently vacated by F.N. Horton.

An exchange thinks that one of the worst drawbacks to a town is to have two or three money sharks who oppose every thing that tends to advance the interests of the citizens, by standing on the corner discouraging all improvements and new enterprises that do not directly fill their coffers.

A case calculated to stir indignation is in Squire Kerr's court. The Plaintiff a girl who had worked over a month as a domestic. The Defendant an able bodied man who refused to pay her. It is gratifying to say the least that the girl was allowed full amount of her claim $8.00. Any man who would try to swindle a girl who has worked hard is a wretch, no one should treat him as a man. He operates a saw mill in Jericho and when two wagons of lumber came in to Kerr Brothers & Co. they were attached and the $8.00 and costs taken out.

Markets:

wheat 71 cents, corn 35; eggs 17; hams 9 cents, lard 8,
beef on hoof $2.50, live hogs $4.00 per hundred.

News Nov. 17, 1887

Alaska Free Press:

Describes the land, the natives, their customs. Juneau populated by Americans. Society good the living good, a pleasant place to live."Uncle Sam's Ice Box" an epithet maliciously hurled at one of the most beautiful sections of country under the sun.

Thirty years ago a schooner laden with 200 barrels of whisky was sunk in the lake near Toledo. Unavailing searches for it over the years. Now it is thought to be located, the cargo worth $100,000.

Rev. Lilly has moved his family to town and they expect to build on their lot. As an Elder Hicksville is better situated for him.

Edgerton's well flow 158.000 feet per day, enough to supply 80 families, two stoves to a family or 20,000 gas jets. Piping will commence soon.

St.Joe News:

A farmer east of here had a cow that refused to give milk. A cow doctor consulted who decided that she had "hollow tail". He split her tail filled the opening with salt and turpentine and bound it up. Later it was discovered that the poor animal was being milked by a half grown pig.

The protracted dry season is causing many wells and cisterns to go dry. Farmers are hauling water for their stock. Forest fires in Paulding County threaten homes and destroy fences. Prof. Collet claims that because of the drought we are in great danger from epidemics. Older residents remember that after the droughts of 1850, 52 and 56 epidemics of most virulent types of typhoid, cerebro spinal meningitis, cold plague, diarrhea and bloody flux. Preventative is pure water for drinking, rain water and other water must be filtered and boiled.

John Hyde and Reuben Fitzcharles went to Chicago to see the Anarchists hung. They didn't see the hanging but Fitzcharles brought home a $115.00 bicycle.

Defiance Express:

The cemetery at Six Corners in deplorable condition. A portion of the ground covered with briars and a lack of uniformity in everything. Nearly forty years ago a half acre of ground was donated by Edison and Babbage for the cemetery use and deeded to the school directors and their successors. About fifteen years ago a quarter acre was added, soon all occupied. The directors did not feel under obligation to care for the cemetery.

Now on the bright side: About six months ago a cemetery Association was organized as the Six Corners Cemetery Association under the laws of the State of Ohio and the grounds transferred to the association. Two acres have been bought in addition to the old two and three quarters acres of the best burying ground. No burying friends in quicksand. Wm. C.

The soil on several hundred acres of land in the Bear Swamp belonging to Dave Johnson and George Marsh has in the past few weeks been destroyed by fire. The rich muck that once covered this fertile plain from two to four feet deep. The tile can now be seen on a bed of ashes. Now the outlet is worthless, will return to swamp.

Filch Dewey of Dewey Rogers & Co. of Toledo have purchased the old Randolph Stave Co. Mr. Goodnoe failing to make payment. Mr. Dewey will commence operations at an early day and will run the factory with even more than the old time vigor. $1,500. They run six other factories.

Mrs. James Hall returned Friday from eastern Ohio. Accompanied by her sister, Miss Rosa Hilbert.

Hicksville was very busy last week, people from miles in every direction laying in provisions for the winter.

Dixon Edgerton was in town yesterday, he travels for Banks Brothers Law Publisher and Importing Co. of N.Y.City, the biggest institution of it's kind in the U.S. His work as a drummer seem to agree with him, he looks prosperous and happy.

Officers of the Fair have put on foot a movement for a Farmers Institute between now and the Holidays. They want the earnest cooperation of every farmer in the west end. Defiance is planning one.

Sanitary Policeman Hill has found about 400 places in Hicksville which come under the head of nuisance. Owners of the property will be notified to clean up and put their property in a sanitary condition. Some have treated the Health Officer insultingly. No one should be blind to the fact that this movement is for the common good. It is hard to see why anybody would wish to keep a cesspool or filth of any kind on their premises.

Straus & Hecht have painted the front of their store blue. Now advertise as "The Blue Front Clothing Store".

Alba Haywood, noted impersonator supported by his new Co. will appear at the Pettit Opera House. A comedy in two acts "Sweethearts"

Through the kindness of Mrs. Hicks Lord the News is in receipt of the "Curio" an illustrated monthly magazine devoted to genealogy and biography, heraldry, book plates, coins, rare books and objects; old furniture and plate and colonial relics. R.W. Wright N.Y. Publisher.

Married at the home of the bride's parents on Spencerville Street, Nov. 20, by Rev. S.B. Kring: Chester Blodgett and Miss. Ida Nelson.

F. Dewey & Co commenced work this week in getting the stave factory ready to run. They are now prepared to buy elm bolts and logs and heading timber. Expect to hire 75 hands if they can get the timber.

A number of our readers were sent half sheets last week which we regret. It was necessary in that the house that prints our inside pages failed to send the usual number, lacking a hundred.

"The German Detective" will be given Monday at the Pettit Opera House by Frank Davidson & Co.

The B&O has been running a water train for two months. Water from Defiance to fill tanks east of that point. No water trains needed west of Defiance.

The young ladies of the Hicksopolis Society gave a comic masquerade party at the G.A.R. Hall.

Rev. Crary and the snake. An answer a column by T.T. Armstrong.

When the Dow Law was passed there were four saloons in Hicksville. One on Main Street three on High. When the law came in to tax saloons one on Main and one on High closed. Two on High paid their tax and kept open. The council passed a prohibitory ordinance but wholesalers came to the saloon's rescue with the Gallon Law. Then an amendment to the Dow Law abolished gallon houses. So the fight was renewed and the Law and Order League was born and grew to be a power and the saloons were driven out of Hicksville.

Dakota Scraps.

News December 1, 1887 Editor T.G.Dowell

The November Curio contains an excellent article descriptive of the art collection of Mrs. Hicks Lord. Conspicuous among her art treasures are: "Genius of Mirth", "The Mexican Princess" in marble by Thomas Crawford the distinguished American artist, obtained by Mr Henry Hicks in Rome in 1848. Her collection also contains gems from the French Crown diamonds which were recently sold.

Defiance Democrat:

The officers of the Hicksville Fair contemplate holding a Farmer's Institute. While the enterprise of our western friends is commendable, we very much question the policy of two institutes in the County.

Seems reasonable to center forces on the one planned in Defiance.

It is said that the public schools of Leadville, Colorado have been closed for a year, but the town supports 1,100 saloons.

The Hicksville people arrived in California safe and sound, found Hicksvillians well, some went to work the same day.

Judge Sutphin appointed Horace D. Ginter a member of Williams Co. Relief (soldiers) Committee.

Auburn gas well estimated one million and a half cubic feet escape in twenty four hours. Mains are being laid and everything will soon be ready for use as light or fuel.

St.Joe:

Will bore for gas. Wm. Leighty has greatly enlarged his livery barn.

Frank Sechler and Mervin Widney spent a few days in the big woods, they almost but not quite got a deer.

Farmer:

Joseph Young and Wife are living together again.

Fifty six couples at the dance in Mote's Hall Christmas, also one at Allens Hall. Competition makes more business.

L.E. Conkey and A.C. Biglow left for the west where they will spend the winter with friends in Kansas and Misouri.

It is Coming, column on weather and it's effect on people.

Adam Good delivered six hogs, just eight months old, weighed 1,850 pounds, 306 average.

James Stahl and son of Jewett are visiting G.M. Stahl and other relatives.

Byron Work, formerly from Hicksville now of Angola has evaporated 14 tons of fruit and jell stock this fall.

Hon. M.M. Boothman left Bryan for Washington where he will assume his duties as Congressman.

Boil your water down before you drink it down. Boiling is the best preventative for Cholera. When water becomes low in a dug well there is a slimy deposit on the walls which is poison. As the water rises after rains this material is held in solution, can cause ulcers of the bowels the foundation of Typhoid fever.

St. Joe News:

Our citizens are halting between two opinions: to bore for gas or build a grist mill.

La Fayette Olds of Troy Township was a widower with nine motherless children, last week he married a widow with six more, now a family of sixteen kids.

Maysville Breeze:

George Webb a big over grown lubber is one of the boys who take no stock in the Breeze. Why just think of a stout young man who will allow the Twp. to support his mother and then take his whole summer's wages (which we are informed was the vast sum of $8.00) to the Hicksville Fair and lost the $5.00 gold piece that his mother wished him to leave in her care. But no, George that little coin did not slip from your purse, but slipped from your fingers on a bet into the clutches of a man you thought not quite so smart as yourself. George it never pays to bet on another mans game and then try to lie out of it.

Collision of an east bound freight going into the west end of the switch. The engineer had decided to take water first and ran down to the tank. Returning at good speed he ran the locomotive into the cars he had left, that were being pushed by another train. Smith Street crossing the site of the wreck. Heavy fog, one empty passenger coach, one flat, one box car badly smashed.

Presbyterian supper and fair at the Merchant's Hotel. Thanksgiving evening was a fine $100.00 success.

Commissioner Frank Clemmer informs the News that the iron work for the Clarksville and Arrowsmith bridges was awarded Last week to Smith Bridge Co. of Toledo. The Clarksville bridge @ $21.00 per foot, the Arrowsmith @ $10.65 per foot. Total for the two $4,380.00.The stone work was awarded to R. Ehrhart. Clarksville abutments $9.30/ cubic yard. Arrowsmith $7.90 / cubic yard. Bridges to be built next summer.

Presbyterians are thinking of extensive repairs to their church. New windows, painting, papering etc. Except for the U.B. building, the oldest church in town. (U.B. building was small frame moved to S. Main.)

Anyone getting us three new subscribers will get the paper free for one year.

After the burning of David Wertz building, quite extensive repairs must be made in the Merchant's Hotel (east rooms) by tearing out one room there is now an upstairs lobby.

The plaint of the grocery man. Last Saturday your counters were lined with men smoking strong old pipes, ladies would start to come in then leave. Other stores have the same problem. If requested not to smoke and lounge around the room they become mortal enemies. The should stay home at night with their families. Some merchants start sweeping early, others open the doors to clear the smoke and let the wind sweep through.

Obituary:

Daniel Huffman of Smith Street, died of heart disease. Aged 57 years, 11 months, 17 days. Born in Ashland County Dec. 9, 1829, the eighth of a family of ten children. His father was the second person to settle in Clear Creek Twp. Ashland Co. in May of 1813. At the age of 19 taught school in native Co. then moved to Iowa in 1856,engaged in the drug business for seven years, then to Defiance Co. and in the fall of 1872 settled in Hicksville. He engaged in insurance and land agency. Justice of the Peace April 1881. Married Fannie J. daughter of Aldrich and Anne Carner of Ashland Co. in 1852, five children, one living, Fannie who married Charles G.Shepard.

News Dec. 8, 1887.

Charles Bassett ad. top one quarter of the front page, other material general items.

Fountain Chapel Corners:

There have been several deaths from measles and fevers in the vicinity of Dague this County.

West End:

Between six and seven o'clock last Saturday evening the Webster Mill was discovered on fire. Started on the south end of the upper story, thought to be the work of an incendiary. Mr. Fritz the miller had left at four P.M., lost considerable grain and carpenter and mill tools. The mill belonged to Mr. Coats of Butler, loss about $1,500.00 insured for $1,000.00. A landmark, built by John Webster in 1854, won't be rebuilt.

What is that, an upground cellar or what? That new brick building at the Swilley House west yard. It is a "necessary" house built to be in keeping with Sanitary Rules. No hotel in the County has a better one.

The Defiance paper mill nearly consumed by fire Thursday. One engine the paper machine and some of the building saved. 1,500 hundred tons of straw lost. $8,000. loss.

E.M. Pettit purchased Dr. Otis property where he now lives on Main Street and lately purchased additional land of Hon A.P. Edgerton. which makes him one of the cosiest homes in Hicksville.

Farmer's Institute at Defiance a failure because nobody met. Hicksville will show the "hub" how to make a success of an Institute. Ed Brigham, Pres. of the State Agricultural Soc. will be one of the speakers.

V.S. Haller Manager of Motes Hall in Farmer has arranged for a series of club dances this year.

S. Blodget's hearse was considerably damaged by the hail and sleet at D.G. Huffman's funeral.

Total tax levy Defiance Co. is $206,492.05.

Died at his late residence in Indiana, George Countryman Dec.1. aged 69 years, six months. Born in Pa. resident here thirty five years.
Member of the Newville U.B. church, burial in the Hicksville cemetery.

Barton Smith Camp of Sons of Veterans elected the following officers. Captain, H.G. Elliot; 1st. Leut. Samuel Hartel, 2nd. Leut. W.B. Ferris, Camp Council; H.G. Elliott, W.F. Horton and L.B. Gillingham.

Fair Society meeting. Harter Pres. L.E. Griffin,Sec.
J.M. Ainsworth VP; B.S. Pettit Treas; John Blosser; G.F. Knight;
Robert Dorsey; W.D. Wilson; M.M. Hootman; G.K. Otis; J.T. Bushong;
Amos Forlow; George Holton Directors.
A movement on foot to have the town buy the Fair Grounds and fix it up as a park and city purposes. The Fair Society to lease the grounds from the town. The Society is now in debt $ 200.00 with $ 100. in treasury.

News Dec. 15, 1887

Charles Bassett ad One quarter of front page plus articles such as: Miscnegenation facts.
Mechanical- Electric cog railway in Switzerland.
The County song "Fifty Years Ago" by Daniel Wentworth.

Emanuel Gingerich has purchased the brick house on Pearl Street of John Wiesbecher for $800.00 and will move to town Jan 1st.
Williams Center:

S.P. Dodge has returned to this place and will take charge of the saw mill and handle factory.

The Trouble Has Begun.

Our Statesmen get to yelling to save the country. Both houses of Congress duly organized to tackle the questions of the hour.

News Dec. 22, 1887

A letter from Voltaire, Sherman Co. Kansas George S. Pool.
"Come west young man and grow up with the country."

Two harrow swindlers come to grief for obtaining notes under false pretenses..

The B&O railroad indebtedness of $29,678,808. among the available assets $1,500,000 of United States Express stock, and $5,000,000. in bonds of Western Union. President Samuel Spencer a practical railroader is confident that the old line will recover from the reckless management of Garrett's son.

Large Hog Story: W.J. Jump killed a hog that weighed 600 pounds, dressed. Yielded twenty one gallons of lard or 150 pounds. Five men required to lift it. Paulding claims the banner.

J.M. Ainsworth is heading the struggle for a good Farmer's Institute in Feb. Defiance is making another effort, set for Wed. and Thurs. preceeding the Institute in Hicksville. Mr Terry and S.H.Wllis will address.

Edgerton Observer:

A sixteen page supplement called "Christmas Chimes"
The articles, prose and poetry written by Edgerton people.

Dr. Wansetler of Mansfield in town to attend Harry Edgerton who has been very low with malarial fever.

Isaac Hilbert butchered a hog last week that dressed 554 pounds.

Will Hicksville purchase the Fair Grounds for a park? Meeting at the Pettit Opera House Jan. 5, 1888 to ascertain the feeling of the people of putting it to a vote.

Nolan and Kindall using Hicksville Gas and Oil Co. tools to drill at Defiance. When they discovered they would be charged a reasonable fee for their use of the tools, they trumped up a charge of their own for $164.00 and sued.

News Dec. 29, 1887
letter from Dakota.

The invention of the Spinning Jenny explained. Could spin twelve threads rather than one. The public broke up the first machine but Peter Cartright died the wealthiest commoner in England.

New York:

A short time ago Civil Service Commissioner Oberly made an attack on the female clerks in the department as lazy, impudent and indif-ferent. Commissioners Edgerton and Lyman are indignant.---- The defenseless condition of these women forced to earn their bread when they are better adapted to domestic life, should secure them immunity from wanton attacks.

Mc Clure, Henry County furnishes gas at $ 8.00 to $ 15.00 per stove per year.

Drama at Pettit's Opera House "Saved by a Dream".

Judgement of Nolan & Kendall, they owe Hicksville Gas & Oil Co. $174.50 They will take it to Common Pleas Court.

B.N. Forlow of East Saginaw, Mich. spending holidays here.

The new U.B. Church at Vannimmons Corners dedicated

Jan 15th, 1888.

Bryan has one good gas well after spending $25 to $30,000.

Kerr Bros. gave each employee a chicken. G.F. Knight gave each employee a turkey.

Paulding lost three business buildings by fire, loss $11,000.

Without the help of Scott Hilbert, this work would not have been completed.

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35	BASSETT, CHARLES	AINSWORTH, MISS CARIE	DEC.	1882
44	BENDER, H.	NEARING, MISS MARY E.	MAR	1883
2	BEERBOWER, GEORGE	WOLFORD, MISS IDA	JAN.	1882
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90	GINTER, BENJAMIN F.	BAUER MENA	JUN.	1884
12	GREEN, GEORGE	LEHMAN, KATIE	APR.	1882
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21	KYLE, PETER	SWAN, MISS LAURA	JUL.	1882
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68	LAWSON, WILLIAM	GETROST, MISS ALICE	JAN.	1882
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